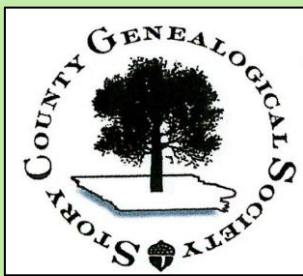


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President's Message



Well 2018 was packed full of learning opportunities and really look forward to 2019 when we learn how to write our family histories from Alissa Stoehr. When we visited the State Historical Library in November, I discovered a book on Polk City and knowing that is where many of my relatives lived was very interested. I took the book off the shelf and sat down and found out that my Great Grandparents were a big part of settling that city. I also knew I had many relatives buried in the Polk City Cemetery and also found a map of the cemetery and hopefully I will be able to find some of the 85 who are buried there. This was a branch of the family that I hadn't done a whole lot of research in up to now but have been digging into and decided to make that my first writing venture. Speaking of the State Historical Library - what a wealth of information and everyone is so helpful and friendly. Really looking forward to going back many times. Also look forward to hearing what Paul Lasley has to tell us this year. Always look forward to what has become his annual January presentation.

I also look forward to working with the new and old Board Members and Committee Chairs. We still need a Vice President but I am sure someone will step into that position soon. Education is such an important part of our society and what an exciting committee to serve on and think about it, everything has been already planned and set up thru May. Every position is very important and I appreciate everyone's hard work and dedication.

Nancy

Story County Genealogical Society

Monday, January 14, 2019

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Ames Public Library – Auditorium

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Wednesday, January 16, 2019

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10:00 am – Noon

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10:00 AM - Noon

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Story County Genealogical Society
Meeting Minutes November 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Vice President Bonnie Samuel. Twenty-eight members were in attendance.

Welcome was extended to a new member.

The financial report was presented by Treasurer Pete Peterson. It will be filed for audit. He also reminded members that 2019 dues may be paid now through mid-February. Individual membership is \$15. Family membership is \$20. Dues may be paid to a member of the finance committee or via the society's website through PayPal or credit card.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the November newsletter on a motion from Dick Cooper and a second.

Historian Paul Martsching reported his work to preserve information about this year's events.

Newsletter editor Dick Cooper informed the group that he has back issues of the newsletter available. Each issue contains valuable information about general research topics.

Bonnie Samuel gave an overview of the upcoming educational programs. The schedule is set through May. The theme of writing an ancestor's story will begin with the January meeting. The instructor's area of expertise is women's studies. She will be a great resource for finding details about the lives of women ancestors. Beginning in January Genealogy Plus! meetings will also focus on putting a story together.

Genealogy Plus on November 20th (Tuesday, due to the Thanksgiving holiday) will take place at the State Historical Library and Archives in Des Moines. Directions were given on where the group will meet at the library and where parking is available. After a group tour members will be free to do research on their own if desired. Members need to use their own transportation. Carpooling was suggested.

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Bonnie Samuel shared some of the innovative ways the courthouse in Burlington and public library in Fairfield have helped genealogists gain access to records.

Next spring the GPS (Genealogical Proof Standard) workshop will be repeated with a possible change of format.

The process of electing officers for the coming year began with noting the vacancy in the vice president position. A committee has been formed to fill in for the program scheduling responsibilities associated with that position. The idea of have co-vice presidents was suggested by a member.

New member Malvina Lutz was introduced. She has agreed to fill the position of Librarian. Officers for the coming year were unanimously elected by voice assent as follows:

President—Nancy Long
Secretary—Annette Anderegg
Treasurer—Pete Peterson
Newsletter Editor—Dick Cooper
Publicity—Gwenna Jacobson
Librarian—Malvina Lutz
Historian—Paul Martsching

No meetings will be held in December. The Genealogy Plus/Help Session scheduled for December 18th has been canceled.

Member Floramay Miller shared examples of several ways to write a memory or an ancestor's story.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Submitted by Annette Anderegg, Secretary

January Dates

January 1 – New Years' Day
January 13 – Stephen Foster Memorial Day
January 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 29 – Kansas Day

There are many other religious and regional holidays in January. Visit <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/> for holidays and observances anywhere in the world.

Writing Your Ancestor's Stories

Bonnie Samuel, Education Chair



Professor Stoehr

We are often asked by genealogists about writing the stories of their ancestors. You gather tons of information about them, research lines, find interesting, if not fantastic information about them....but how do you then write the story?

The theme of SCGS's genealogy programming this season is "writing your ancestor's story." Beginning in January and through April, Professor Alissa Stoehr, ISU, will be teaching you the fundamentals of writing at SCGS which meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Each participant in the writing class will chose their own project to work on through the classes. That project may be a short story about a particular event or a longer narrative about a generation of your family. Your project will help put the writing skills you will learn into practice.

Alissa starts the series on Monday, January 14th, 6:30, in the auditorium at the Ames Public Library. The first session is, "Getting Ready to Write an Ancestor's Story," with writing basics and ideas for your class project.

Alissa will also attend our monthly help sessions (as her schedule allows) to help you with the writing elements of your project. Next help session is January 23rd at the library - see www.storygenes.com for the full schedule.

And don't forgot our Genealogy Plus! program on January 16 - it's our annual Paul Lasley special! Dr. Lasley delights us every year with his humor while he tells us about the times in which our ancestors lived. This year, "Changing Demographics in Your Ancestor's Times," describes the changes impacting people as many moved from rural to the cities, consumerism, fast changing technologies and advertising - all in the late 1800's. And remember, this is part of your ancestor's lives....it's part of their story!

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday, January 14, 2019
Ames Public Library – Auditorium
6:30 pm

Getting Ready to Write an Ancestor's Story

Speaker: Dr. Alissa Stoehr

Take a deep breath! What is the story you want to tell? Where do you start your story? Do you have your research, images, and documentation organized and easily accessible? Who is your audience?

(Assignment: write a synopsis, or preface to your story, along with an Ancestor profile for the main character(s) of your story.)

Genealogy Plus!
Wednesday, January 16, 2019
Ames Public Library – Auditorium
10:00 am – Noon

Changing Demographics in Your Ancestors' Time

Speaker: Dr. Paul Lasley



Dr. Lasley

Dr. Lasley returns to discuss change and shifts in social strata: how lives changed due to influences and pressures of advertising, urbanism, consumerism, emerging professions and technology

Genealogy and Technology Help Session
Wednesday, January 23, 2019
Ames Public Library – Auditorium
10:00 am – Noon

Bring your genealogy, technology and computer questions and we'll try to help you find solutions to your questions or situations.

Chickamauga

By Marilyn Peterson

On a recent trip to Tennessee, we journeyed south of Chattanooga to visit the Battlefield of Chickamauga in Georgia. The two-day battle on September 19 and 20 1863, was one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War, resulting in 34,000 casualties and a victory for the south.

We arrived late in the day and had less than an hour at the Visitor Center before closing time. A National Park Service employee approached us and offered his assistance. We told him about John H. Bolton, my great grandfather, who served with the 49th Ohio Infantry and was wounded in the battle. He showed us maps, explained the layout of the battlefield, and pointed out locations of markers and tablets with information on various phases of the battle. He also showed us a book, *The Maps of Chickamauga*, by David Powell and David Friedrichs, that documents the battle in 15 minute intervals. It is an impressive book that took a decade to compile. He informed us the battlefield grounds were open until sunset, and we were welcome to drive or roam around the grounds and locate as many sites as we wanted and time permitted.

Thanks to the notes the employee made on the maps, our daughter's map-reading abilities, and our notes, we walked through fields and on trails through the trees for several hours. We were able to locate and photograph three sites with markers commemorating the participation of the 49th Ohio unit in the battle. This battle was unlike others in that it was largely fought by brigade, regimental, and sometimes even company commanders. Veterans of the battle dubbed it the "soldiers' battle". It was fought in thick woods and swampy terrain rather than open fields. It also does not have numerous published accounts. Most primary sources are in archival holdings or old newspapers and are not readily available.

The site has been expertly preserved and maintained, and the National Park Service employees are extremely knowledgeable and helpful. A visit to the battlefield is time well spent.

Picture & further explanation in next column

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The Nearest Land

Passenger—Is there no hope of being saved?

Captain—None whatever.

Passenger—How far away is the nearest land?

Captain—Two miles.

Passenger—In what direction?

Captain—Straight down.

This verbal exchange found in an old issue of the Wright County Monitor published in Clarion, Iowa

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Site of the 49th Ohio when John Bolton was injured

Marilyn Peterson standing next to one of the Civil War markers in Chickamauga Battlefield.

This article and picture are reprinted, with permission, from the September 2015 issue SCGS News.

SCGS Membership

The Story County Genealogical Society has many things to offer and many of them are connected with the SCGS website (<https://storygenes.com>).

- 1) **Home** – Get a general overview of SCGS happenings and other important information
- 2) **About Us** - Listing of SCGS officers, Membership Chairpersons and Web Manager + email links
- 3) **Newsletter** – All SCGS newsletters back to January 2017 in PDF format so everyone can open them
- 4) **Members** – Listing of current members. **SCGS MEMBERS** can use their sign-in and password information and find the membership list, genealogy articles, class handouts, obituary index to the Tri-County Times, speaker handouts and many research ideas.
- 5) **Blog Page** – Blog contribution can be added by **MEMBERS only** but anyone can read the blogs
- 6) **Forums** – Message threads on various subjects
- 7) **Ames Public Library** – Information and links
- 8) **Cemetery Records** – See a list of all cemeteries in and around the Ames and Story County area
- 9) **Research Assistance** – Find various places to search for your family, including SCGS
- 10) **Surname Assistance** – Only **MEMBERS** can add surnames they are researching, but anyone can read the list of surnames
- 11) **Events** - Listing of all upcoming and past events with an explanation for each one including date and time
- 12) **Facts** – This “Did you know...” page shows some interesting research tips
- 13) **Gallery** – Nothing in our gallery yet. We will include pictures of you, your ancestors or other related photos
- 14) **Links Page/Story County Resources** – Well over 100 links to give you answers to research questions
- 15) **Join/Renew** – That is very self-explanatory. SCGS accepts credit card payment for annual dues and contributions on the SCGS website
- 16) **Contact** – Several ways to contact officers and Committee people with SCGS
- 17) **Word Search Answers** – Answers to those word puzzles found in the newsletter

Everyone should check the SCGS website for information that will help with research about their ancestors and obtaining information.

New Year's Eve in United States

New Year's Eve celebration is a gala affair for the people of US. They love to enjoy even the last minute of the going year and welcome the New Year with a blast. Midnight parties, sumptuous dinners, live music and the dance floors make a perfect New Year's Eve bash. Every year, a huge ball is organized at Time Square in the New York City. This New Year celebration is watched over by large number of Americans. A minute before the New Year's Day, a brightly lighted ball is dropped slowly from the top of a pole. As soon as the ball reaches the ground, it gives a signal of New Year and everybody hug and kiss each other wishing Happy New Year.

Elsewhere, many of New Year parties in US have a dress code or a theme. People cover their faces with masks. They unmask themselves only when the clock strikes 12. To have some merriment with the family members at the beginning of the New Year, people prefer to celebrate it at their homes. Many people watch television, eat the auspicious black-eyed peas and rice called Hoppin' Johns. There is also a tradition to open champagne bottles as the clock strikes midnight on the [New Year's Eve](#).

New Year Day Celebrations in United States

New Year's Day begin by wishing the near and dear ones '[Happy New Year](#)'. People visit their loved ones place and sometimes go out for picnic with them. New Year celebrations are further accelerated by watching the famous Tournament of Roses Parade. Theme of the parade varies every year. Today, the parade is followed by thousands of participants - marching bands, dancing and singing various songs. The queen of the tournament rides on a special float made from lacs of flowers. This is a very eye-catching scene of the whole parade. There is also a New Year custom to play the most famous games of football such as the Orange Bowl and the Fiesta Bowl.

Information downloaded from New Year Festival -
<http://www.newyearfestival.com/new-year-in-us.html>



Internet-Enabled Hot Spots Available at Ames Public Library

Submitted by Mary J. Lohr

The Ames Public Library (APL) recently added nine “hot spots” that are available for check-out. A hot spot is an Internet-enabled device that can be used to connect computers and mobile devices to the Internet. The hot spots run on the Sprint network and have a connection speed a bit slower than a cable connection, but definitely faster than a dial-up modem.

Here is the description from the APL catalog:

“The *hot spot* will check out for seven days and are not renewable. *Hot spots* are holdable. All pieces must be present and accounted for at the time of return to the Welcome Desk. If the case or charging cord are missing or damaged, replacement costs are as follows: *hot spot* \$120.00, case \$15.00, power cord \$10.00. If the *hot spot* is missing or damaged, replacement cost is \$145.00. This device will ONLY work when it is within a Sprint 4G LTE network. When it is within this network the light will flash blue.”

As one would expect, demand for these hot spots is high. You’ll likely need to place a “hold” (reserve) request to obtain one. With a check-out time of only seven days, these are not intended as a replacement for your home Internet service, but they could be useful for a short term project. If you’re traveling they also are better than public w-fi (which has many security issues). Be aware, however, that failure to return the device or losing it results in a high replacement fee.

When I checked one out to experiment with it, I had absolutely no problems setting it up and connecting my



tablet to the Internet. As always, “your mileage may vary,” but the APL staff were absolutely wonderful in explaining the process.

Editor’s Notes

Well here we are in a new year. I hope that 2019 is better to everyone than 2018, no matter how good 2018 was. Everyone deserves something better.

I hate to disappoint everyone, but it looks like this newsletter will only be an 8 pager vs the normal 10 pager. Even with the extra month (December) there weren’t enough articles to fill the normal sized newsletter. February will be a short month but hopefully it will yield a 10 page newsletter.

Please not the article entitled **Chickamauga** on page 5. As noted, this article is from the 2015 issue of SCGS News newsletter. I found this article while searching for information for the 2018 50th Anniversary booklet. Even though it 4+ years old, this represents one type of article that we need from members. Yes you can have your article printed in this newsletter, and you don’t even have to tell everyone who submitted it if you don’t want to.

Although my wife isn’t a member of SCGS, I am searching her ancestry on her father and mother’s side. I have found her father’s side a few generations and back to Germany. I have found her mother’s side back several more generations back to England. Guess I’ll stop with her ancestors for a while and focus on the Coopers. I still have to find out a lot about them yet, especially since my story will be about my great grandfather who was born in Tennessee in 1842. He raised his 7 remaining kids in the tri-state region of SE Iowa, NE Missouri and SW Illinois.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!!!!

Dick Cooper

Thank You

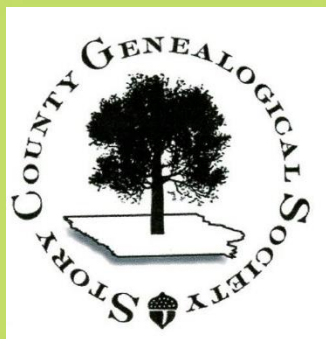
Thank you to all of the SCGS officers, committee people and everyone else who gave their time and talents to help Story County Genealogical Society continue to be the educational organization that it is. Certainly the 2019 officers will continue this tradition and probably enhance it. The list of 2019 officers is in the November minutes on Page 2.

Iowa Counties - SCGS Word Search #6

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward
Answers can be found at [Word Search Answers](#) on the SCGS website

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Cass	Hardin	Marshall	Page	Union
Cedar	Humboldt	Mitchell	PaloAlto	Winneshiek
Clay	Ida	Montgomery	Plymouth	Worth



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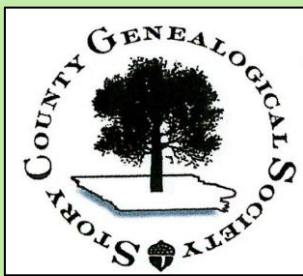
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President's Message



I am writing this as we are in the beginning of the Arctic Blast. Whatever they want to call it, it is cold, cold, cold. Good time to sit and work on my family story. I chose my Grandmother Nettie Alice for my first story. I thought I knew her well, but have found out so many other things about her life and so many things I wonder about. I have my three brothers doing a Mind Dump on what they remember about her. The youngest has come up with a few things that I had forgotten about and the other two are not so quick in getting back to me. She lost two brothers, one died of tuberculosis but haven't found the cause of death for the other. Another piece of the puzzle missing.

I missed Paul Lasley's presentation but can get the highlights from his power point on the website. Also thank you to Dennis and Cris for recording the first session of Writing presented to us by Alissa Stoehr. Mary Lohr worked very hard to get it on the website but it is there now for our use as a good resource in writing our family story. Professor Stoehr got us off to such a good start. Look forward to the next ones.

Alice Hoyt Veen and Linda Greethurst will be doing the GPS Course again in March. Registration starts February 1 thru the Ames Public Library website. It has a whole new look but seems very easy to navigate. I learn something new every time I take it and will be looking at it in a different light this time.

Also starting plans for programing for next year. What would you like to hear about or learn more about?

Nancy

Story County Genealogical Society

Monday, February 11, 2019

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Ames Public Library Auditorium

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Wednesday, February 20, 2019

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Writing Joy! Emma's Story

Speaker: Alice Hoyt Veen, CG

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Genealogy & Computer Help Session

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

10:00 AM - Noon

Ames Public Library

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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes January 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Long at 6:34 PM. Twenty-five members and four visitors were in attendance.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the financial report for December. Request was made for volunteers to serve on the audit committee. Three members volunteered. Dues may be paid to the treasurer this evening or on-line.

President Nancy Long announced the establishment of a speaker's fund. Donations to that fund may be made to the treasurer or online.

Librarian Malvina Lutz reported that the list of requested book purchases needs to be submitted in February. Suggestions were requested.

Historian Paul Martsching reported no new concerns or needs.

Bonnie Samuel previewed the coming educational programs. Genealogy Plus this week will be presented by Paul Lasley. His topic will cover demographics around Civil War times. The Help Session will be on January 25th.

The education committee will soon begin work on the next year's meeting topics. Ideas can be submitted to Bonnie Samuel or Nancy Long.

Mary Lohr noted that society practice has been to honor the memory of a member who has passed away by collecting donations which are used to purchase an item, often a book, as a memorial. Long-time member Donelle Meyer passed away in December. An envelope was passed around to collect contributions for the memorial fund.

The evening's presenter, Dr. Alissa Stoehr, is a professor at ISU in the Sociology Department. She began with an introduction highlighting her interest and involvement in genealogy. Her presentation and workshop was the first

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of a series that will take place during the monthly meetings through May.

She began by stating, "There is no right way to write a story." Next attendees were asked to introduce themselves by stating their name, where they were from, who they plan to write about and something they want to learn from the class. After noting that the Power Point of her presentation will be posted on the SCGS website, Dr. Stoehr spoke of how to get ready to write an ancestor's story.

The first step is to define the project. Format types to consider include narrative, poem, play, blog and media. Next choose who to write about. Choose someone you have considerable information about so that, for this project, you spend time on story development rather than research. Consider writing about moments in time or a span of years. By limiting the time frame the project won't be so overwhelming. Decide who you are writing for. That will guide the decision about how you will write.

General resources recommended were on-line courses about writing family histories such as those through Family Tree University and the book, The Story of My Life.

To fill in memory or information gaps, check old photos, yearbooks, old newspapers, songs of the time, and the neighborhood church. Contact someone who was part of the ancestor's life if possible. Reading about history of the time can provide valuable insight.

To deal with possible road blocks, list random memories. Start by writing "I remember..." at the top of a sheet of paper. Then do a "mind dump"--record thoughts that come to mind--for ten minutes. Other suggestions were to tap into emotion by writing an imaginary letter to the person, schedule an hour a day to work on the project and limit what you write—not all information needs to be included.

Dr. Stoehr concluded with a homework assignment: Before the next meeting write a short preface (a couple of paragraphs) to your story and create an ancestor profile from the information you have.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24.

"Writing Your Ancestor's Story"

Class #1 Was a Success!



Professor Stoehr

Over 30 people attended the first class of the writing series. Most members wanted to learn how to get organized, how to start the writing process, how to write their story so non-genealogists would find it interesting, and also how to stay motivated and disciplined.

Alissa presented some basic information on the writing process--the **WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, and HOW**. Most members had an ancestor in mind they wanted to learn more about. The writing assignment for next month (February 11th) is to create an ancestor profile and a synopsis of the things you want to write about your ancestor's life. For members that were not able to attend the meeting, you can find a recording and the handouts on the SCGS website.

Next month's class will be on Monday, February 11. Alissa will be talking about story boards and outlines. Members will be breaking down their ancestor's story into segments or chapters to create a logical flow. There will be time to write and work with Alissa on a 1-on-1 basis. If you want more information, you can contact Alissa at astoehr@iastate.edu. See you all next month!

Editor's Note: Alissa will also attend our monthly help sessions (as her schedule allows) to help you with the writing elements of your project. Go to www.storygenes.com for the full schedule.

REMEMBER!!!

In keeping with SCGS policy, if the Ames Public Schools are closed on the day of a SCGS meeting, then the meeting is also cancelled. **ALSO:** Don't be a risk taker. If the temperature is too low or there is too much wind or snow or ice – don't come to the meeting(s). Think safety first.

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday, February 11, 2019
Ames Public Library – Auditorium
6:30 pm

Study Boards and Outlines

Speaker: Dr. Alissa Stoehr

This presentation will deal with breaking down your story into segments or chapters to create the flow. Is further research needed to color a segment?

(Assignment: Write a brief paragraph for each segment.)

Genealogy Plus!
Wednesday, February 20, 2019
Ames Public Library – Auditorium
10:00 am – Noon

Writing Joy! Emma's Story

Speaker: Alice Hoyt Veen, CG

Research identifies our ancestors by linking individual to families and families to generations. But to truly understand their lives we must discover and share their stories. This case study presentation explores techniques for reconstructing the past and effectively tell a family's multigenerational history. This is "Emma's story."



Wednesday, January 27, 2019
Ames Public Library – Auditorium
10:00 am – Noon

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Thank You

Thank you to Dr. Alissa Stoehr and Dr. Paul Lasley for providing information on very pertinent topics of writing your story and changing demographics respectively.



Membership

The January 2019 issue of this Newsletter gave a list of reasons for being a member of SCGS. Access to the handouts and presentations from Dr. Stoehr's Ancestor's Story series is just one more advantage – her information can be found on the SCGS section shown below:

Members – Listing of current members. **SCGS MEMBERS** can use their sign-in and password information and find the membership list, genealogy articles, class handouts, obituary index to the Tri-County Times, speaker handouts and many research ideas.

February Dates

February 1	National Freedom Day
February 1	National Wear Red Day
February 2	Groundhog Day
February 3	Super Bowl LIII
February 3	Puppy Bowl XV
February 3	Kitty Bowl VI
February 4	Rosa Parks Day
February 5	Chinese New Year
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 15	Susan B Anthony's Birthday
February 18	President's Day

There are many other religious and regional holidays in February. Visit <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/> for holidays and observances anywhere in the world.

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Member Profile: Donelle Meyer*by Mary Lohr*

SCGS member Donelle Meyer passed away in December 2018 in Ames.

(This interview was originally published April 2009 in SCGS News, v. 42, no. 4.)



Long-time Story County Genealogical Society member Donelle Meyer says her interest in family history was sparked when, as a child, she read a published history of her father's family. She was impressed, and amazed, a person "could find a lot of people who were related." And, perhaps, equally profound, the research had been done years earlier in the 1920s, long before the age of computers. But Donelle says it was well done and well documented.

Donelle has taken that piece of research and has been updating and correcting it as necessary. Many of Donelle's ancestors lived in New England and this task has been helped by a quantity of published research in New England journals. She comments that membership in New England genealogy societies has also helped. And, "many families in New England are related to each other."

An ancestor's cousin had moved to New Orleans and lost contact with the family. Donelle was eventually able to find some of the extended family in Chicago. And her comments echo that of almost any family history researcher, "If only I had known these people 20 years ago!"

A veteran of having taught genealogy classes for 20 years, Donelle relates an interesting story how this came about. She had taken a class from Eileen Jennings, who wanted to open a needle craft store. In an ironic twist, Donelle had been teaching needle craft and so they switched. Donelle began teaching the genealogy class and Eileen opened a needle craft store!

Donelle has had about half a dozen former students publish their family history. She says she is "still working on hers" but has a good excuse for not yet reaching that goal: she also served as editor of a family association newsletter.

Even though much of her family roots lie in New England, there are also ancestral lines in Europe. In 1984 Donelle and her family visited England, Sweden, and Germany and a highlight was staying with relatives of her husband's extended family.

During this trip, she was in Stuttgart and learned which of the four towns with the same name in the area was likely the ancestral town. A volunteer working in the archives was able to identify the town when Donelle supplied the name of her husband's ancestor's wife, plus his occupation.

Two years later, Donelle learned a relative in the United States had a copy of the ancestor's birth record with most of the same information. If only she had known of this source earlier! But Donelle observes sometimes later generations may not know the value or content of records in their possession.

Much of her research has been accomplished through films borrowed from the Family History Library in Salt Lake. For many years Donelle has served as a volunteer at the Ames Family History Center. Ever ready to assist patrons, she chuckles at the patron who was amazed the microfilm he had rented of European records was not typewritten--and in English! Oh, yes, we can all relate to attempting to read a foreign language and deciphering the old script.

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In addition to volunteering at the Family History Center, Donelle has worked on several SCGS projects, among them the obituary collection and an index for the probate records. Family history researchers often consult one on one with her and find her vast knowledge and suggestions invaluable.

As a member of the Iowa Genealogical Society, Donelle has served as chair of the speakers' bureau and also on the committee of state-wide teachers of genealogy. In the 1980s she helped purchase the first computer for IGS. And don't be surprised to see her at IGS volunteering on behalf of the Story County Genealogical Society.

Donelle is another pillar of SCGS who, in her quiet way, has contributed far more than any of us may ever realize!

Memories of Donelle Meyer

Merlene Whisenand: In a conversation about Donelle, Merlene recalls how knowledgeable Donelle was about all things genealogy. Merlene took a class from Donelle in about 1982 and recalls the forms they filled out before the use of computers. Merlene also remembers the Everton's Genealogical Helper Magazine and how Donelle taught the class to compose a well-written inquiry.

Jolene Webber: "Because of an adult education class taught by Donelle, I renewed my interest in genealogy. I learned a lot in that class."

Rhonda Graham: "It was Donelle Meyer who got me started in Genealogy. I was looking through the newspaper to see what DMACC had to offer for night classes in Ames. Having already finished my Business Law night courses I decided to look for another course. When I came across the Genealogy course, it was a stretch to say I needed to take it. The description of the course just intrigued me since I had such a great relationship with my grandparents and great-grandparents growing up. (I was fortunate to have had maternal and paternal grandparents as well as maternal and paternal great-grandparents all living in the town I was born in.). I couldn't have asked for a better teacher than Donelle. She was so knowledgeable. You could tell she really did enjoy sharing and teaching what meant so much to her. She was always happy to answer extra questions after class or look at information a student brought to class hoping to get her opinion. As I learned and got family information from my mother, she decided she would like to get more involved. I made copies of my notes and handouts for her and we proceeded to work on our family history. Little did I know at the time, I would eventually get a job and my mother would be the one who would excel from Donelle's class. I inherited 20 boxes of Genealogy stories, pictures, maps, birth certificates, death certificates, books, etc. when my mother passed away 5 years ago. "

Annette Anderegg: "Donelle Meyer gave of her time and expertise as a volunteer in the Ames Family History Center from its inception in 1985 until the mid-2010s. She was a consistent, conscientious volunteer. Always concerned if she needed to miss one of her times to serve, she continued to work until her health made it no longer possible.

Donelle was a walking encyclopedia of all topics genealogical. From beginner to advanced research in areas from American to Welsh, Donelle helped patrons learn and understand solid research principles. She was our go-to person in many areas—particularly German research. Donelle's dependable, selfless service was a blessing and example to those who learned from and who volunteered with her."



Scam Reporting



The Ames Police Department collects information on the most recent scam attempts. Tips to avoid becoming the victim of a scam are also provided for your information. If you believe you shared personal information and/or provided money to someone and now believe you were scammed, please call our non-emergency number 515-239-5133.

Tips to Avoid Becoming the Victim of a Scam

- Gift cards and reloadable money cards (such as iTunes, GreenDot, PayPal Cash, MoneyGram, etc.) are popular forms of payment for scammers. While these are legitimate companies, they are often used by scammers because it is nearly impossible to reverse the transaction or trace the money.
 - **Don't wire money to strangers, to sellers who insist on wire transfers for payment, or to anyone who claims to be a relative or friend in an emergency and wants to keep the request a secret.**
 - **Be wary of someone asking for payment in gift cards. They are not a form of currency.**
- If you are contacted by a known company and asked to provide any form of payment or personal information discontinue the contact and call the company yourself.
 - Look the number up; do not use the information they provide.
 - With internet phone services it is difficult to tell where a call is coming from. Some scammers will mimic the phone numbers of legitimate companies, agencies, or institutions (banks, the IRS, Police Department, etc.).
 - It is always a good idea to do an online search for the company name, website, and phone number.
 - **Do not give out personal information unless you initiated the call.**
- **Law enforcement will not contact you to demand money for any violations you may have committed.** If someone tells you that you have an arrest warrant it is probably a scam. We will rarely call you to tell you that you are wanted and will not accept payment to avoid you going to jail.
- **Government agencies such as the IRS will not contact you and/or accept payment by phone to pay fines, fees, taxes, etc.**
- **Some scams will involve an email or text message from a bank or other institution. Never click on links.** Call the institution directly.
- Computer repair scams are used to access your personal information. Don't allow anyone to access your computer remotely.
- **If someone offers to send you a check for more than they owe you, with the request that you send a portion to someone else it is probably a scam.** In this common scam the check they send you is forged or stolen. It will pass through your bank but after you send money from your account the check will be found to be fraudulent and you will be out the money you sent them.
- If you are told that you have to pay to receive money you have won or been awarded it is probably a scam.
- **If anyone from outside of the United States contacts you and requests money, for any reason, be cautious. It may very well be a scam.**
- Follow the Ames Police Department on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for updates on scams that are being attempted in the area.

If you think you may be the victim of a scam please call us or submit the

[Scam Reporting Form](#)

Ames PD: 515-239-5133

Privacy on Internet Searches

by Mary J. Lohr, SCGS Web Manager

Google is undoubtedly the dominant Internet search engine and it is free to use. The price of use, however, is mining of your personal data and tracking your activity. An alternative for searching the web is DuckDuckgo which returns Yahoo search results. But another choice is **Startpage** (startpage.com), which bills itself as “The world’s most private search engine.” Startpage is headquartered in The Netherlands, a country with strict privacy laws, but it has servers in various other countries, including the United States.

What sets Startpage apart is that it uses the Google search engine (good news for those accustomed to Google search results), but it does not trace your IP address nor share information with third parties. This means the search results you receive are not based on your previous search history (and could result in a more open field of results.)

Startpage does have non-targeted ads, but they are clearly marked and easily distinguishable from the search results. You can choose to view results by website, images, or videos. Search results can be filtered by any time, the past 24 hours, day, week, month, or year. There is also an advanced search offering the familiar choices of exact phrase, word exclusion, language, file type, and other parameters.

The search results are private and websites are not able to track your information when you scan the results. However, what happens when you click on a search result and visit the webpage? That’s where the privacy ends ... but there Startpage is unique in that it also provides anonymous visits to websites. To enable this, you can click on “Anonymous View” by each search result. Startpage then retrieves that page for you using their servers; you do not go directly to the website. And that means your IP address is not tracked, if you used this proxy feature.

Startpage also has a support link on their start page with helpful explanations on using this system.

If you want a different web search experience, take a look at **Startpage**.

Editor’s Notes

This February newsletter has been given a couple of very timely articles. The [Scam Reporting](#) on page 7 was actually a reprint from the Ames Police Department and was originally an insert in my church’s bulletin. The Privacy article in the left column on this page also deals with privacy but on a different level.

Unfortunately scamming, identity theft and other similar tactics are getting to be more common today. The media cite everyone as a target for these illegal tactics, but most commonly they will cite senior citizens as being more likely to be taken advantage of.

Although the article on page 7 is from the Ames Police Department, your local police department can handle your fraudulent reports as well. The URL for the page 7 article is at the bottom of the page. Please read these articles and hopefully avoid some drastic results.

I’m still excited about the classes we (SCGS) are taking now thru May (**Writing Your Ancestor's Stories**). I started my assignment for the February meeting, which was to write a Preface for your story. I have it started but I am constantly editing it so that I don’t put too much information there, only a few primary facts. Of course everyone has their own way to write a Preface.

I just ordered 2 books online - [The Children’s Blizzard](#) by David Laskin [The Orphan Train](#) by Christina Baker Kline. These were suggested by Linda Greethurst and were shown in the November 2018 issue of this newsletter. I know that the Ames Public Library has copies of these books but since I’m a slow reader, I don’t want to keep borrowing them for too long. They aren’t very expensive either.

SCGS is still searching for a Vice President. If you might be interested, please talk to any SCGS officer.

Dick Cooper

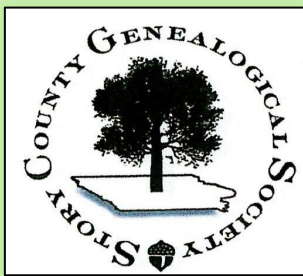
**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SWEETHEART
THIS VALENTINE’S DAY**

Iowa Counties - SCGS Word Search #6

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward**Answers can be found at [Word Search Answers](#) on the SCGS website**

Apoplexy	Cyclospora	Giardiasis	Pneumonia	Scurvy
Appendicitis	Diarrhea	HeartDisease	Poliomyelitis	Smallpox
Cholera	Diphtheria	Influenza	Pox	Syphilis
Colitis	Dropsy	Lumbago	Rickets	Tuberculosis
Consumption	Dysentery	Measles	Sarcoma	Typhus
Cretinism	Enteritis	ParalysisAgitans	Scrofula	YellowFever



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President's Message



February being the shortest month of the year, sure has gone on too long. I am tired of this cold, ice and snow. Let's hope March is much better. That being said, I guess we have had more time to do more research and write our family stories. I wrote my brothers and several of my cousins asking what they remembered about our Grandmother (whom I am writing about). Even though we aren't that different in age, all had a different memory of her. It is very interesting and they all thought it was just a good idea and enjoyed writing down their memories. I was even able to answer some questions they had.

Besides looking forward to not having to fight snow and ice, I am looking forward to the GPS course coming up next month. I have taken it three or four times already, but learn something different each time. Something new clicks each time. Also our next writing class and Genealogy Plus sessions.

Bonnie Samuel has agreed to fill the Vice President slot until the end of the year. She is busy forming a new Education Committee and working on programing for next year. Thank you Bonnie.

Some more good news - Donna Kallem is feeling better and back working on Membership duties.

Stay warm.

Nancy

Story County Genealogical Society

Monday March 11 , 2019

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Ames Public Library Auditorium

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Genealogy Plus!

Wednesday March 20 , 2019

10:00 AM - Noon

Ames Public Library Auditorium

Scanning & Storing Documents & Images

Speakers: Cris Nagla and Dennis Allen

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Genealogy & Computer Help Session

Wednesday March 27 , 2019

10:00 AM - Noon

Ames Public Library

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Story County Genealogical Society **Meeting Minutes February, 11, 2019**

In case you missed the email, there wasn't a regular SCGS meeting on February 11th. The Polar Vortex hit again and we had either snow, ice or really cold weather – or some combination of the 3.

Please check this column next month for the March regular meeting minutes.

Writing Ancestor's Story **Class No. 2**

Unfortunately Class No. 2 scheduled for February 11 was cancelled due to the Polar Vortex. The assignment for that class was to have a Preface for your Ancestor's story. Now that Preface will be due for the March 11th meeting.

The assignment for the next meeting (March 11) is to create an ancestor profile and a synopsis of the things you want to write about your ancestor's life. For members that were not able to attend the January meeting, you can find a recording and the handouts on the SCGS website. At the March meeting, Alissa will be talking about story boards and outlines. Members will be breaking down their ancestor's story into segments or chapters to create a logical flow. There will be time to write and work with Alissa on a 1-on-1 basis. If you want more information, you can contact Alissa at astoehr@iastate.edu. See you all at the March 11th meeting!!!

Genealogy Proof Standard Course

Ames Public Library, Ames

Instructors: Linda Greethurst &

Alice Hoyt Veen, CG

Course consists of 4 sessions:

(March 16, 30, April 13, and 27st).

Sign Up Now at APL link!

See link and more information on page 5

Register on the Ames Public Library site

Due to the weather
Genealogy Plus is cancelled

Alice Hoyt Veen
will speak next Wednesday, Feb 27th
10 am in the APL auditorium

Alice will present on writing your family's story as she tells you "Emma's Story." In the telling of Emma's story, Alice illustrates how you use the research you've done to put together the elements of your ancestor's story.

Alice will provide ideas for developing ancestor stories and give you many resources to enhance your authorship!

For updates and much more, visit our website
at <http://www.storygenes.com>

REMEMBER!!!

In keeping with SCGS policy, if the Ames Public Schools are closed on the day of a SCGS meeting, then the meeting is also cancelled. **ALSO:** Don't be a risk taker. If the temperature is too low or there is too much wind or snow or ice – don't come to the meeting(s). Think safety first.



Crime Solving with Genetic Genealogy **CeCe Moore**

Seminar Monday, 4 March 2019

8:00 PM – Sun Room, Memorial Union - The 2018 arrest of the Golden State serial killer in California made international headlines in part because police teamed up with genealogists to use familial DNA to track him down. This new method of sleuthing raises questions about how it's done, ethics and privacy, and the reliability of genetic and DNA tests. CeCe Moore is an investigative genetic genealogist and media consultant. She has worked as the genetic genealogist for the PBS Television documentary series *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* since 2013. She is the founder of The DNA Detectives and recently joined forces with Parabon Nanolabs to lead their new Genetic Genealogy Services for law enforcement unit. **National Affairs Series: Building a Better Democracy**

<https://www.lectures.iastate.edu/browse.php>

The above seminar description was taken from the ISU Lectures Program at the above website URL.

A Message From the Web Manager

If you've renewed your membership for 2019, thank you! The grace period ended February 15. After that, you can't access the Member Section of the website unless you pay your dues.

At fifteen dollars for an individual and twenty dollars for a family, this is certainly the best genealogy bargain in Story County! Dues can be mailed to PO Box 692, Ames, Iowa or paid at any SCGS genealogy event by check, cash, or credit card. To make things even easier and save the cost of a postage stamp, you can pay online through the website using the link on the opening page. Payment is handled through the secure PayPal system. You do NOT need a PayPal account. You can pay by credit card. How easy is that! Within minutes you'll receive a receipt by email and have access to all the member benefits on the website. Plus you'll be supporting all the great programs and speakers SCGS presents (including valuable genealogy books purchased for the Ames Public Library.) Let me know if you need any assistance! -- Mary Lohr

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
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Ames Public Library – Auditorium
6:30 pm

Study Boards and Outlines

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Is further research needed to color a segment?

(Assignment: Write a brief paragraph for each segment.)

Genealogy Plus!
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Cris and Dennis will be bring their scanners and demonstrating how to scan and store your valuable images on your computer.

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Holidays and Reasons to Celebrate

March 1	Read Across America Day
March 1	Employee Appreciation Day
March 2	Texas Independence Day
March 5	Mardi Gras
March 10	Daylight Saving Time starts
March 15	Ides of March
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 20	March Equinox
March 25	Maryland Day
March 25	Seward's Day
March 26	Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Day
March 29	National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Who knows what happened on the Ides of March??
March 26 Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Day is celebrated in Hawaii. I'll bet you wish you could be there now.

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What is the Genealogical Proof Standard?

The Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS) is the application of fundamentally sound research standards to the research process. This disciplined approach involves basic steps. Completion of these steps helps to arrive at reliable, well-reasoned conclusions to research questions.

GPS is a course for Beginners to Advanced genealogical researchers. We do recommend that Beginners have some experience. This course will enhance your research skills and knowledge of the process.

What is the GPS Course?

The GPS Course includes four cumulative sessions.

Each date includes two class sessions with breaks, hands-on activities, and practical examples. Participants apply what they learn to a project selected from their personal research.

Understand the “reasonably exhaustive search.” Gain critical thinking skills in analyzing sources, information, and evidence. Identify and resolve conflicting evidence through comparison and correlation techniques. Learn to concisely, credibly share your conclusions with others.

Register on the Ames Public Library site:

<https://www.amespubliclibrary.org/events/genealogy-proof-standard-4>. This is a course with 4 cumulative sessions. When you sign up, you are registered for the entire course (**March 16, 30, April 13, and 27st**).

The Story County Genealogical Society, Ames Public Library and the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation are pleased to co-sponsor this course, Genealogy Proof Standards.

Five Time-Honored Genealogy Websites

by Mary J. Lohr

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest ... these are widely used social media applications that have aided in connecting people with each other and been useful in genealogy research. But back in the “early days of the Internet,” before social media became so prominent, five genealogy sites and tools were the mainstay. Remarkably, these five have more or less become “classic” and are worth revisiting:

1. CyndisList (cyndislist.com) is a “a comprehensive, categorized & cross-referenced list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online.” The site is a one-person operation run by Cyndi Ingall. For over twenty years she has continually added new links and checked for broken ones. There are more than 337,000 links and the site is completely free to use.

2. Linkpendium (linkpendium.com) is “is a 10,000,000+ resource directory to everything on the Web about families worldwide and genealogically-relevant information about U.S. states and counties.” The site features a locality directory as well as a surname directory.

3. GenWeb Project, a totally-free geographic based set of linked sites is run entirely by volunteers. Their goal is “keeping free genealogy on the Internet.” Organized in 1996, the sites are organized by country, state, and county level. You’ll find transcribed records, maps, local resources, lists of veterans, sources of vital records, and just about anything you can image that will point you to resources in the defined area. The great news is that the Story County IAGenWeb site (iagenweb.org/story/), maintained by Mark Christian, is without doubt one of the best of the genweb sites. This is THE place to start if you’re researching ancestors in Story County, Iowa.

3.A Genealogy Trails (<http://www.genealogytrails.com/>) is organized geographically in a manner similar to the GenWeb Project, but has a goal **“to help you track your ancestors through time by transcribing genealogical and historical data for the free use of all researchers.”** Thus, these sites deal almost exclusively in transcribing data.

4. RootsWeb (www.rootsweb.com/), now maintained by Ancestry.com, is another totally free site with a tremendous amount of material, including the WorldConnect project where people have uploaded their family trees. Unfortunately, the site went down over a year ago and some data was lost. Ancestry claims to be restoring what they can and the site has been redesigned and is easier to use. However, uploading GEDCOM files to the WorldConnect project is “temporarily” disabled. But the database can still be searched. Two outstanding genealogy references are available on this site: The Red Book: American State, County and Town Sources; and, The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy.

And anyone who has been using the Internet since the early days will fondly remember mailing lists and message boards. The good news is that they are still present and functional, although probably not as active since the launch of Facebook and Twitter. But the content has been archived and can be searched. You might find a useful message from fifteen or twenty years ago that relates to your resource.

The RootsWeb site also hosted a number of genealogy websites and most of these have been restored, although a few have ceased or are now being hosted elsewhere.

5. Genealogy Blogs may not be as numerous or active as they were in the past, but they still exist and researchers tell their story and share their discoveries. Three very long running ones are Dick Eastmans’s Online Genealogy Newsletter (blog.eogn.com/), Randy Seaver’s Genea-Musings (www.geneamusings.com), James Tanner’s Genealogy’s Star (genealogysstar.blogspot.com).

So, if you want to go a little “retro” in your research, or have a yearning for “old times,” these five sites are time-honored classics that are still serving up great resources and genealogy information, at a great price--FREE.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of setting the clocks forward 1 hour from standard time during the summer months, and back again in the fall, in order to make better use of natural daylight.

Clocks Back or Forward?

“Spring forward, fall back” is one of the little sayings used to remember which way to set your watch. You set your clock forward 1 hour in the spring when DST starts (= lose 1 hour), and back 1 hour when DST ends in the fall (= regain 1 hour).

More Than 100 Years

When Germany switched to DST on April 30, 1916 for the first time, it became the first country in the world to use DST on a national level. However, the town of Thunder Bay in Ontario, Canada implemented DST already in 1908.

Suggested Earlier

US inventor and politician Benjamin Franklin first proposed the concept of DST in 1784, but modern Daylight Saving Time was first suggested in 1895. At that time, George Vernon Hudson, an entomologist from New Zealand, presented a proposal for a 2-hour daylight saving shift.

Daylight Saving Time information was taken from:
www.timeanddate.com website.

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EveryNameIndex.com

by Mary J. Lohr

You're probably familiar with the county history books which were published in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Not only did they contain a detailed history of the named county, but they often contained biographies of many residents who paid to have their information included. Although often written in an embellished style, these biographies can contain useful data for the genealogy researcher.

But how do you find your ancestors' names if the volume has no index? That's where a website, appropriately named EveryNameIndex (<http://everynameindex.com>), can be useful.

The website describes itself as “free genealogy indexes for those big old county histories.” The goal is to provide an index of every name in the book, not just the names of the persons who figure prominently in the text, or paid to have their biography included.

The names are indexed by the exact spelling in the book. If a name is spelled various ways, it will be listed in the index each way it is found. Thus a woman may be listed both under her married name and her maiden name. The names are cross-indexed. Cathy L. O'Connor maintains the site and tries to provide a comprehensive listing.

If the book is available online, a link is provided to it. Otherwise, the user needs to use inter-library loan, WorldCat, or another method to check the actual reference in the book.

The website provides a list by state of county histories that have been indexed. More than forty-five books are listed for Iowa, including A History of Story County, Iowa (1887) by W. G. Allen.

An added feature of the website is a Links section which provides an interesting array of sites related to genealogy. There are also relevant links provided on each state index site.

This is a fun and useful site to explore. Updates and news of current indexing projects can be found on the accompanying Facebook page.

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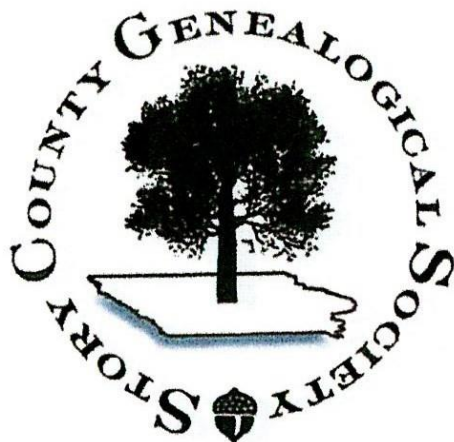
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There are small tasks to large, committees up to Board positions that need people to serve. We hope you will give some thought to what YOU can do to help. Also consider becoming a member if you are not now, or paying your dues (due in January under present system). Donations are always very welcome and greatly appreciated too. You can pay your dues or donate on our website at www.storygenes.com.



Editor's Notes

As you may have already noticed, this newsletter was put together in a rush. There were some scheduled and also last minute things that came up that demanded my attention, so the newsletter was completed in between some of those other things.

This newsletter contains some good information regarding ways that people (members and future members) can help SCGS maintain our high stature in the genealogy community. Generally your help doesn't require a lot of time, but people must remember that you will "reap what you sow". You will be rewarded by being able to see your work and efforts in the organization.

I hope that members and future members all realize that they can submit articles for this newsletter. Over the months you have seen articles about members' families, travels, cemetery explorations and other interesting genealogical information. Like I have said before:

EVERYONE HAS A STORY TO TELL

I have decided to give up just about all of my "pay" sites for genealogy and see how I do using "free" sites. The article on page 6 will help a lot. I have also searched for free sites on the Internet. This probably isn't news to most people, but there are a lot of free sites available. Personally I like to start with www.familysearch.org and go from there. Wish Me Luck!!

I have to create some more Word Search puzzles as this one is the last one I have. If anyone has some new ideas, let me know. I have some ideas but I would like to hear from you too. Just respond to this email (www.coopsnames@gmail.com) and leave me a message. Thank you in advance.

I hope that many of you attended Alice Hoyt Veen's presentation about "Emma's Story". It fits in well with Alissa Stoehr's series on writing your ancestor's story. Don't forget to attend Cris and Dennis' presentation in March also. These are just a few of the ongoing genealogy presentations that we offer and are free. Also, don't forget the GPS series outlined on page 5 in this newsletter.

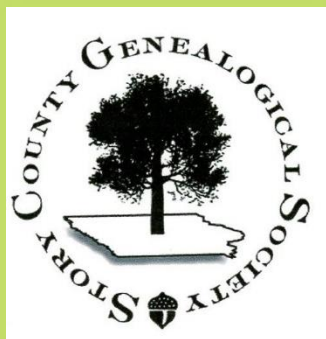
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World Locations - SCGS Word Search #10

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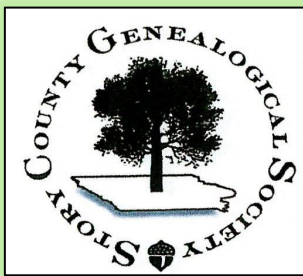
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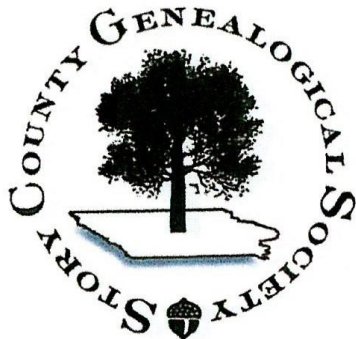
President's Message



March weather was much nicer to us in this part of Iowa than that awful February was. It has been so good to get out and about and talking with genealogists. I have learned many new things this month... Alissa Stoehr helped us put some puzzle pieces together in our attempt to write our family history. Cris Nagla and Dennis Allen showed us all kinds of possibilities in the world of scanners, and Linda Greethurst and Alice Hoyt Veen got us off to a good start in the GPS class. We had some new people, who we hope to see again and returning members who had questions they were looking for answers at our help session.

April is going to be another great month for weather and learning experiences. I am also looking forward to searching the Polk City Cemetery for so many relatives buried there and meeting with cousins this summer.

Nancy



Story County Genealogical Society

Monday April 8, 2019

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Ames Public Library Auditorium

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Speaker: Dr. Alissa Stoehr, ISU

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Wednesday April 17, 2019

10:00 AM - Noon

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Speaker: Dr. Alissa Stoehr, ISU

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Genealogy & Computer Help Session

Wednesday April 24, 2019

10:00 AM - Noon

Ames Public Library

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Story County Genealogical Society **Meeting Minutes March, 11, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Long at 6:35 PM. Twenty-nine members and two visitors were in attendance.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the financial report. It will be filed for audit.

Genealogy Plus and the Help Session will be held this month as scheduled. Registration is open for the GPS class.

The financial audit has been done and suggestions from the audit committee have been put in place.

President Nancy Long read a proposed amendment to the society's constitution regarding membership dues. The amendment, printed below, will be voted on by the membership at the April 2019 meeting. If passed, it will take effect on May 1, 2019, and will apply to new members.

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The dues for the following year shall be set by a vote of the membership at the October meeting, payable on the anniversary of joining the Chapter. A member shall be dropped from the rolls of the Chapter if dues are not paid by forty-five days after the anniversary of joining.

Anyone desiring to pay dues may give them to Donna Kalsem. She also will receive contributions to the memorial fund for Donelle.

The evening's program was presented by Dr. Alissa Stoehr. She reviewed information she had covered at the January meeting. Then she talked about creating a storyboard as a way to organize ideas. Individual writing time was given and attendees were encouraged to continue writing for a set period of time on a daily basis. The assignment for the next meeting is to bring what you have written to that point. The power point and a video recording of the evening's presentation will be available in the members section of the society's website.

The meeting concluded at 7:47 PM

Annette Anderegg
Secretary

REMEMBER!!!

In keeping with SCGS policy, if the Ames Public Schools are closed on the day of a SCGS meeting, then the meeting is also cancelled. **ALSO:** Don't be a risk taker. If the temperature is too low or there is too much wind or snow or ice – don't come to the meeting(s). Think safety first. Hope we don't have any more delays this year because of weather.

Writing Ancestor's Story **Class No. 2**

Unfortunately Class No. 2 scheduled for February 11 was cancelled due to the Polar Vortex.

The March 11 meeting was intended to have participants bring an ancestor profile and a synopsis of the things you want to write about your ancestor's life. Alyssa also presented information about a story board which describes the content and flow of your story.

Members will then be breaking down their ancestor's story into segments or chapters to create a logical flow. There was time to write and work with Alissa on a 1-on-1 basis. If you want more information, you can contact Alissa at astoehr@iastate.edu. See you all at the April 8th meeting when you can write your story!!!

SCGS Helping Someone with **Their Family Research**

Thank you to all officers who have stepped-up to help keep SCGS a great organization. As stated in another article in this issue, more people are needed to serve on committees and help with the various aspects of SCGS.

I've been working with a person who contacted our society with some questions and we're trying to solve a puzzle.

Are you researching, or do you have genealogy information on, the Samuel and Elizabeth Mullen family? They lived in what was unofficially called the "Mullen Settlement" southwest of Nevada, in the vicinity of Pleasant Run Cemetery in the 1800s. If so, please contact Mary Lohr at webmanager@storygenes.com.

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Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday April 8, 2019
Ames Public Library – Auditorium
6:30 pm

Questions? Hit a Block? Help is Here.**Speaker: Dr. Alissa Stoehr**

This session will focus on compiling and printing your story. What about self-publishing?
Question and answer, discussion.

Genealogy Plus!
Wednesday April 17, 2019
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10:00 am – Noon

"Remember the Ladies," said Abbigale to John...**Speaker: Dr. Alissa Stoehr, ISU**

It is challenging to find out much about our female ancestors due to legalities and norms of the times in which they lived. Women were allowed to ...lots of things! Women were "respectable roles" in life, roles were dictated by men, beliefs and law. Some women rebelled, most didn't.

Genealogy & Computer Help Session
Wednesday April 24, 2019
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Genealogy and Computer Help Session

Bring your genealogy and computer questions and we'll try to help you find solution to your genealogy or computer questions.



Writing Ancestors' Story on the Website Class No. 1 & 2

A recent development at SCGS has been the addition of the Monday, January 14th presentation of "Writing Your Ancestor's Story" by Dr. Alissa Stoehr. This is a 'members only' feature and members can get to it by:

- 1) Go to <https://storygenes.com> website
- 2) Login as a member under the "Members" menu item on the left – use your Login Name and Password
- 3) Under the "Members" menu item you will find Writing Ancestors' Story
- 4) Click on that item and it will take you to "Writing Your Ancestors' Story Class No. 1"
- 5) Click on this item and you will get the audio and video of the presentation.

NOTE: The slide presentation (Handout #1) and the physical handout from Class #1 (Handout #2) and Class #2-3 (Handout #1) are on this page also.

PS: Only SCGS Members can access this website location and the handouts by using their Login Name and Password. Other handouts from other speakers (before and after Alyssa's presentations) are also available by using the **MEMBERS** sign-in.



Proposed SCGS Dues Renewal Change

The Board met and agreed to make a change from calendar year dues renewal to renewal based on the anniversary of joining the society. Therefore we propose to amend the constitution of the society as follows:

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Per ARTICLE X of the constitution, the amendment proposal is being presented at this meeting. The membership will vote on the proposal at the April meeting and it will be implemented on May 1, 2019, if approved.

Holidays and Reasons to Celebrate

April 6 – National Tartan Day
 April 9 – National Library Workers' Day
 April 13 – Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
 April 15 – Father Damien Day (Hawaii)
 April 15 – Tax Day
 April 15 – Patriot's Day
 April 15 – Boston Marathon
 April 16 – Emancipation Day
 April 21 – San Jacinto Day (Texas)
 April 22 – Oklahoma Day (Oklahoma)
 April 22 – Confederate Memorial Day (Alabama)
 April 24 – Administrative Professionals Day
 April 25 – Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
 April 26 – Arbor Day (Nebraska)
 April 29 – Confederate Memorial Day (Mississippi)

There are many other religious and regional holidays in April. Visit <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/> for holidays and observances anywhere in the world.

Suggestions for Finding Obituaries

by Mary J. Lohr

Obituaries, with a biography or summary of a relative's life, are often a treasure trove of information for genealogy researchers. Newspapers are the main source for obituaries and here are some ways for locating them:

The newspaper publisher may supply a copy of an obituary. Also, libraries and museums often have a copy of the newspaper. It could be in microfilm or digital form. In Story County, the Nevada Public Library has an extensive file of obituaries clipped from area newspapers.

TheAncestryHunt.com site has a listing of digitized newspapers for each state in the USA. Additionally, the creator of this site, Kenneth R. Marks has a special section on the site just for obituaries. The links may direct you to a source, index, or a transcribed obituary: <http://www.theancestorhunt.com/obituaries.html>

Ancestry.com also offers access to two collections of obituary indexes. If you search the Card Catalog you can locate the titles Web: Obituary Daily Times Index, 1995-2012, and, U.S. Obituary Collection, 1930-2018. You can search the card catalog without a paid subscription, although access may be somewhat limited. With a paid subscription you can also search various other obituary collections at Ancestry.com.

Also, the **RootsWeb** site offers access to a free index: <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~obituary/>

United States, GenealogyBarnk Obituaries, 1980-2014 (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2333694>) is an index available at **FamilySearch.com** and often includes some information (mostly names) transcribed from the obituary.

Besides newspapers, obituaries are now being published online through the websites of funeral homes. A Google search with a name and the term obituary may retrieve these. Many funeral homes submit obituaries to a site called **Legacy.com**. Established in 1998, the site partners with 1,500 newspapers and 3,500 funeral homes. There is also a guest book where memories and condolences may be shared.

FindAGrave.com and **BillionGraves.com** may contain obituaries. The only way to know is to search these sites. In addition, memorial pages and entries may contain links to other family members.

The extensive county GenWeb sites are another source. The Story County GenWeb site (<http://iastory.org/obitindx/>) is continually being updated.

CyndisList (<https://www.cyndislist.com/obituaries/>) has nearly 600 links concerning obituaries!

The Facebook group **Free Obituary Look Ups** is yet another resource.

This is certainly not an exhaustive list but will give you ideas to launch your search for obituaries.

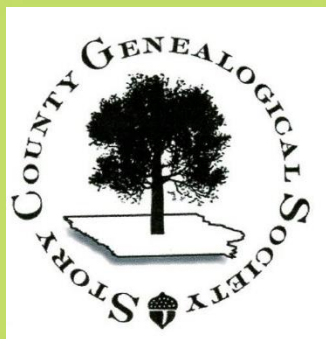
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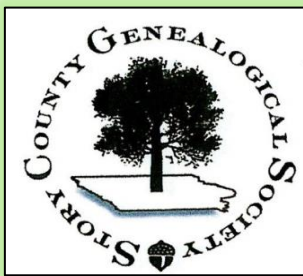
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President's Message



Thanks to the warmer spring temperatures and everything turning green in April, I have felt more like working in my Family Story and thinking about summer research. Again we had excellent presentations from Alissa Stoehr. She is helping us with many tips and techniques in writing our Family History and at Genealogy Plus, she gave us numerous ideas in how to find female ancestors. We had a very small group at the Help Session but always good to sit and talk with genealogists. I have a page of notes of refresher notes and new sites to check out.

I had a distraction this month, but it was very rewarding. I had cousins come down from South Dakota and another cousin from Virginia (who I am related to twice) get together over Easter week end. We visited some cemeteries and drove by some ancestors farms. One farm house was deserted, but could tell it had been a very nice house in its time. It had the neatest back porch. They raised 8 children in that house. We shared old photos and shared what we remembered about another generation. This was so much fun and I learned lots. We will keep in contact now. This did get me off track on writing my Family History, as I was writing about my grandmother on my father's side and all this new info is on my mother's side and I need to jot down everything I learned. How do I log that? Also I now have two Martha Lee's that are a mystery. Oh well, that is research to do for another day.

Nancy

Story County Genealogical Society

Monday May 13, 2019

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Ames Public Library Auditorium

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Wednesday May 15, 2019

10:00 AM - Noon

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Using Microsoft Paint

Speaker: Dennis Allen

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Summer Break

See You In September

(Was that a song title??)

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Story County Genealogical Society **Meeting Minutes April 9, 2019**

The meeting began at 6:35 PM. under the direction of President Nancy Long.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the financial report. It will be filed for audit.

Librarian Malvina Lutz reported that the list of fourteen books submitted to the library for consideration had been approved, ordered and received. They are being cataloged. Most will be on the reference shelves. She hopes to have them available for preview at the next meeting.

Bonnie Samuel previewed upcoming Genealogy Plus programs. On the April 17th, Alissa Stoehr will speak on researching female ancestors. The May 15th Genealogy Plus program will be presented by Dennis Allen. His topic will be "Photo Touch-up with Paint." Paint is a color/graphics editing tool. This topic is a change from the previously announced May program.

Attendees were reminded to use the Smile.com link when making purchased on Amazon.com. A small donation will be made to SCGS when purchases are made through that link.

The amendment of Article IX (see below) of the society's constitution was read. After a brief discussion, the amendment was passed by a vote of the membership. It will take effect on May 1, 2019, and will apply to new members.

ARTICLE IX **Dues**

The dues for the following year shall be set by a vote of the membership at the October meeting, payable on the anniversary of joining the Chapter. A member shall be dropped from the rolls of the Chapter if dues are not paid by forty-five days after the anniversary of joining.

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Patricia Sawyer will assist the librarian in selecting a book to purchase in memory of Donelle Meyer.

Merlene Whisenand offered to provide copies of stories from a book she has about early Iowa women. Those attending the meeting were invited to check the index Merlene brought to the meeting

The evening's program was presented by Dr. Alissa Stoehr. She began by presenting tips and tricks for writing that will draw your audience into the story. The second portion of the presentation covered ideas to consider when publishing the story.

The power point of the evening's presentation will be available on the SCGS website through the members section.

Next month those attending will have the opportunity to share stories they have written.

The meeting ended at 7:40 PM.
Submitted by Annette Anderegg, Secretary

Holidays and Reasons to Celebrate

May 1 – Law Day

May 1 – Loyalty Day

May 3 – Kentucky Oaks

May 4 – Kentucky Derby

May 4 – Rhode Island Independence Day

May 4 – National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Day

May 5 – Cinco de Mayo

May 6 – National Nurses Day

May 8 – Truman Day (Missouri)

May 10 – Confederate Memorial Day (Carolinas)

May 12 – Mother's Day

May 15 – Peace Officers Memorial Day

May 18 – Armed Forces Day

May 18 – Preakness Stakes

May 27 – Memorial Day

There are many other religious and regional holidays in May. Visit <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/> for holidays and observances anywhere in the world. You can also look on this website for dates in June, July and August when there won't be a newsletter!!!

Support Your Local Genealogy Society!

Bonnie Samuel, VP

Alissa Stoehr has a meaningful quote on her email:
"Nobody has to do everything, but *Everybody* has to do *something*!"

Or, to pull from another famous quote:
You may ask what SCGS offers you, but what do you do to support SCGS?

Over the last five years, SCGS has offered genealogical educational programming that puts us in line with some of the best organizations in the country. Attendance has steadily grown as those interested in learning the process of family research, enabling them to find true ancestors, attend regular society meetings, "Write Your Family Stories," Genealogy Plus, special classes, conferences, the Genealogy Plus Standard course, plus take advantage of the monthly help sessions. SCGS has an informational website and a monthly newsletter too.

There are small tasks to large, committees up to Board positions that need people to serve. We hope you will give some thought to what YOU can do to help. Also consider becoming a member if you are not now, or paying your dues (due in January under present system). Donations are always very welcome and greatly appreciated too. You can pay your dues or donate on our website at www.storygenes.com.

Editor's Note: This article is very well written and is always pertinent to genealogy users, therefore you will probably see it published several times. Please re-read this article and see if it applies to you.

SCGS Officers for 2019

President – Nancy Long
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Librarian - Malvina Lutz
Historian – Paul Martsching
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Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday May 13, 2019
Ames Public Library – Auditorium
6:30 pm

Telling Your Story: Wrap-up
We've worked hard all year on "telling our story"
and now it's show time! Selected stories will be read.

Genealogy Plus!
Wednesday May 15, 2019
Ames Public Library – Auditorium
10:00 am – Noon

Using Microsoft Paint
Speaker: Dennis Allen



Dennis Allen will demonstrate how to use Microsoft Paint, a free graphics editing program.

If you've attended one of his earlier programs, you know when Dennis is giving a presentation you will learn lots of "extras" from him.

Genealogy & Computer Help Session
Wednesday May 22, 2019
Ames Public Library – Auditorium
10:00 am – Noon

Genealogy and Computer Help Session

Bring your genealogy and computer questions and we'll try to help you find solution to your genealogy or computer questions.

Genealogy Workshop
Sunday, October 20, 2019
Stanhope Community Center
600 Main Street, Stanhope, Iowa 50246

Writing Ancestors' Story on the Website Classes No. 1, 2 & 3

A recent development at SCGS has been the addition of information regarding the presentation of “Writing Your Ancestor’s Story” by Dr. Alissa Stoehr. This is a ‘members only’ feature and members can get to it by:

- 1) Go to <https://storygenes.com> website
- 2) Login as a member under the “**Members**” menu item on the left – use your Login Name and Password
- 3) Under the “**Members**” menu item you will find “**Writing Ancestors' Story**”
- 4) Click on that item and it will take you to “**Writing Your Ancestors' Story Class No. 1**”
- 5) Click on this item and you will get the audio of the presentation.

NOTE: The slide presentation (Handout #1) and the physical handout from Class #1 (Handout #2) and Class #2-3 (Handout #1) are on this page also.

PS: Only SCGS Members can access this website location and the handouts by using their Login Name and Password. Other handouts from other speakers (before and after Alyssa’s presentations) are also available by using the **MEMBERS** sign-in.

Memorial Day Remembered

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

Editor’s Column

Is it Spring or is Winter still hanging around. I guess it depends what part of the United States you live in. Snow in April is rather unusual and hard to believe. Oh well, the price we pay for living in the great state of Iowa.

Recent possible development – It looks like SCGS **might** sponsor a Genealogy Fair in August of 2019. Attendees at the May 13, 2019 regular SCGS meeting will hear about this event.

I would like to impress on anyone who receives this newsletter that, not only has my life been turned upside down lately, but there also seems to be a lack of articles from our readers. Genealogists like to talk about their ancestors and search for them in cemeteries, online or by various other means, but many times an article about your search tactics, results, different methods and websites, etc. may be helpful to other genealogists.

You have 3 months (June, July and August) when the newsletter won’t be published (SCGS summer break) so start to get your ancestor’s stories together for the Fall newsletter issues. **Remember that you don’t have to be a SCGS member to submit an article, nor do you have to live in Story County Iowa.**

GENEALOGY PROOF STANDARD CLASS

The fourth and last class of the GPS course was held Saturday, April 27, 2019. Seventeen students participated in the class. Members of this class were beginners, some had been doing genealogy research for several years and others were seasoned veterans. Alice Hoyt Veen and Linda Greethurst taught these classes and kept everyone coming back to learn more. Everyone shared what they learned during this course and everyone took away something that would help in the future researching and writing their family stories.

Thank you to APL and APL Foundation for co-hosting with SCGS.



Story County Genealogical Society Recommended Titles for 2019

Story County Genealogical Society regularly shares the cost of genealogy related books with the Ames Public Library. These books are added to the existing collection of genealogy books located along the west wall on the second level of the library.

The Adoptee's Guide to DNA Testing: How to Use Genetic Genealogy to Discover Your Long-lost Family by Tamar Weinberg, 2018

Census Substitutes & State Census Records by William Dollarhide, 2016, Second Edition, three volumes

Family Tree Factbook: Key Genealogy Tips and Stats for the Busy Researcher by Diane Haddad, 2018

Family Tree Scottish Genealogy Guide: How to Trace Your Ancestors in Scotland by Amanda Epperson, 2018

Family Tree Toolkit by Kenyatta D. Berry, 2018

Genealogy Research 2018 Edition: How to Organize the Notes, Papers, Documents, Emails, Scans, Computer Files and Photographs for Family Research by D.M. Kalten

Photo Organizing Made Easy: Going from Overwhelmed to Overjoyed by Cathi Nelson, 2017

Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards by Elisabeth Shown Mills, 2018

Research Like a Pro: A Genealogists Guide by Diana Elder, 2018

Self-Publishing: The basics: plus - How to Tell Your Story by Denele Campbell, 2018

Tips and Tricks of Deciphering German Handwriting: A Translator's Tricks of the Trade for Transcribing German Genealogy Documents by Katherine Schober, 2018

22 Steps in Researching Your Family Tree: A Guide for New Genealogists, by Darrell Gibbs, 2018

World War I Genealogy Research Guide: Tracing American Military and Non-Combatant Ancestors, Includes a Guide to Canadian Military Research by Debra M. Dudek, 2018

Writing a Memoir from Stuck to Finished: Helpful Step-by-Step Guide to Writing Family History and Putting Life Stories on Papers by Karen Dustman, 2018

Submitted by SCGS Librarian Malvina Lutz (SCGS Librarian) and SCGS Mary J. Lohr (SCGS Web Manager)



Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May. It complements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as Father's Day, Siblings Day, and Grandparents Day.

The modern Mother's day began in the United States, at the initiative of Ann Reeves Jarvis in the early 20th century. The U.S.-derived modern version of Mother's Day has been criticized for having become too commercialized. Founder Jarvis herself regretted this commercialism and expressed views on how that was never her intention.

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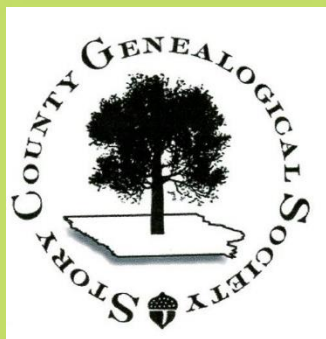
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Massachusetts	Missouri	Nevada	Newfoundland	Ohio
Mexico	Montana	NewBrunswick	NorthCarolina	Oklahoma



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STORY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Send membership dues to P.O. Box 692, Ames, Iowa 50010

OR

Pay the Treasurer at a SCGS meeting

OR

Credit cards are accepted also (www.storygenes.com)

Individual Membership - \$15 * Family Membership - \$20 (Jan 1-Dec 31 year)

Make checks payable to Story County Genealogical Society

SCGS is a member of the Iowa Genealogical Society

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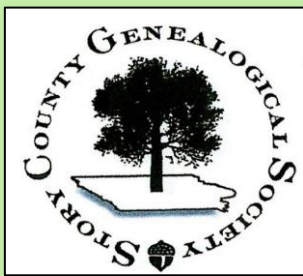
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President's Message



Hope everyone had a good summer. Seems like it flew by and all I got done was watch. I didn't get much Genealogy done nor many visits to cemeteries as I had planned. Anxious to hear what new discoveries have been made or if someone got their family story written.

I would like to thank everyone that worked on the Genealogy Fair/Taste of Genealogy. I was very happy and impressed with everyone and everything! I will leave it at that because I don't want to start listing people and forget someone - so thank you everyone. GOOD JOB.

Really look forward to the upcoming year. We have changes coming up and some very good programming planned. It will be exciting to see our Society continue to be a leader in many areas. You are all excellent resources and have much to share. That is what keeps SCGS going and growing.

On a very sad note, we will certainly miss Merlene. I don't know how many times I had a question about Genealogy or Kelley and I thought I need to call Merlene or send her an email for her opinion or an answer. She was a great lady and will be greatly missed. It certainly was good to see Paul, Sherrill and Mary at the Genealogy Fair.

See everyone at the September meeting.

Nancy

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Story County Genealogical Society **Meeting Minutes May 13, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Long at 6:37 PM. Twenty-five members were in attendance.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Introductions were made by those present sharing their summer research plans.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the financial report. It will be filed for audit.

Librarian Malvina Lutz informed the group that the books purchased for the genealogy section of the library were available for preview during the evening. Half of the books will be part of the SCGS reference collection at the library and half will be placed on the public circulation shelves. A question was asked about how placement of the books was determined. Malvina responded that a request can be made but the final decision is made by library staff overseeing that area.

Luanne Endreland announced that the program featuring historic women of Ames will be held on June 2nd at 2:00 PM near the Greeley mausoleum in the Ames Municipal Cemetery. The event is co-sponsored by the Ames Historical Society, SCGS and Grandon Funeral Home. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. There will be an opportunity for a self-guided tour after the program. The rain date will be June 16th. Information is on the SCGS Facebook page. Luanne requested that Mary Lohr post information about the program on the SCGS website.

Nancy Long announced that SCGS and the Ames Public Library will co-sponsor a Genealogy Fair on Sunday, August 25th. The event will take place throughout the library. Ideas were shared about what the event might include.

The evening's planned speaker, Dr. Alissa Stoehr, was unable to attend the culminating session of her "Writing Your Ancestor's Story" series due to a family emergency. However, as she had planned, three members shared what they had written about one of their ancestors. Those volunteers were Pete Peterson, Bonnie Norman and Dick Cooper.

The meeting concluded at 7:40 PM
Submitted by Annette Anderegg, Secretary

Diaries and Other Ancestor Information

A recent genealogy find has me quite happy! I've been trying to obtain a transcript of a young bride's diary written on a wagon train from northern Illinois to northern California in 1854. Online I've found snippets, and knew my gggreat uncle from Boone Co., Illinois was part of the wagon train. My hope was to find notation his sister, Abbie Jane, was also on it going to join her husband already in California. Well, I located a book that included the diary along with additional info by an author written in the 1970's. The only place that had the book was a library in Seattle, Washington.

So, I requested an ILL thru Ames Public Library. A couple days later I was disappointed to get an email stating it was held as a 'resource book' so not able to be checked out even as an ILL. But I was so close! What would a librarian and genealogist do?? I sent off an email directly to the Seattle library stating the situation, my research need to get a transcript, and they held the only listed copy on Worldcat.

Oh my!!! What a surprise email I received from the Seattle library a couple days later that included a 45-page PDF of the diary!! It's great as the author is combining the diary I knew of, another diarist also on the same train, and the author has annotated almost all entries with a map location and some additional info. I was able to follow along on Google Maps as I read the diaries! I read several entries about my gggreat uncle about oxen sick or dying, and as the wagon train of only about 20+ wagons went westward their Indian encounters were just stolen horses/scattered cattle.

One entry states that when traveling near the Humboldt River in Nevada, their cattle was driven off again by Indians. 'Several men tracked the Indians for 10 miles, but got too late, so returned. Joseph left Jane with Mrs. Murry till he got back.' Reading other research on my ancestors, Abbie Jane is just referred to as Jane. A complete list of those on this wagon train is not listed, several wagons were all related so mostly talked about them. But I'm rather confident my ancestor brother/sister were on this wagon train!

Genealogy is such a wonderful hobby!

Submitted by Malvina Lutz

SCGS Travels to State Center

On Saturday, June 8, 2019 Nancy Long, President of Story County Genealogical Society, was invited to give a presentation on Ancestry Library Edition. The Gutekunst Public Library at 309 2nd Street SE, State Center, Iowa had recently purchased this computer program and planned an informative session with Nancy Long as the guest speaker to introduce the computer program and hopefully develop interest in genealogy and the use of this program at the Gutekunst Public Library.

Dick Cooper, SCGS newsletter editor, accompanied Nancy to State Center. The presentation started at 10:30 and was well attended by a number of people from the immediate State Center area. Much to Nancy's surprise, the only thing that she had to do was explain how to get into the program via the library's Wi-fi and briefly explain how to search and the attendees did the rest themselves.

Everyone was very enthused about the capability to come to the State Center Library and search their genealogy. The Gutekunst Public Library is to be complimented with the purchase of this program. They definitely have a large interest in serving the community by making services like this available.

We went back (along with 2 other SCGS members) on July 20, 2019 as a follow up/help session. Two people returned and asked questions. I think they got some answers to their questions and found new places to search.

Members Access to Handouts

The handouts from the 2019 Genealogy Fair are on the SCGS website (<http://storygenes.com>). If you sign-in with your username and password, you will see the handouts listed in the left column. If you are looking for a list of handouts, click on "*Genealogy Fair Handouts*" and it will take you to another page that has all of the handouts listed individually.

Labor Day Celebrated

1882 started the Labor Day celebration movement to remember laborers and workers for the work that they do to keep our country's wheels moving. Remember labor on this Labor Day.

IMPORTANT

THE OCTOBER 14TH MEETING OF SCGS WILL BE HELD IN THE ROTARY ROOM AT THE AMES PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday, September 9, 2019
Ames Public Library
6:30 pm

Navigating FamilySearch.org

FamilySearch.org has a wealth of genealogy information and it is all free to use. **Jim and Annette Anderegg** (Directors of the Ames Family History Center) will explain how to use this wonderful genealogy research.

Genealogy Plus!
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Ames Public Library – Auditorium
10:00 am – Noon

Cemetery Summit

Speaker: Dennis Allen, sexton and cemetery manager

Cemetery ownership, management and care, and record keeping varies greatly in Iowa. This session looks at the laws in Iowa, types of cemeteries, and who has custody of the records.

Wednesday, September 25, 2019
Ames Public Library
10:00 am – Noon

Genealogy and Computer Help Session

Bring your genealogy and computer questions and we'll try to help you find solutions and answers.



Utilizing the Big Three Commercial Genealogy Sites (Without Cost)

by Mary J. Lohr

Did you know the “Big Three” (Ancestry.com, MyHeritage.com, and FindMyPast.com) all have lots of FREE features? By establishing a guest account at any one of these sites, you’ll able to take advantage of some of these benefits.

These are not the same as the fourteen day free trial which requires a credit card.

*Ancestry and FindMyPast (which emphasizes British, Irish, and Scotland research) both allow users to upload their DNA results. This can expand the pool to find more connections and matches.

*Ancestry and FindMyPast also have “how to guides,” tutorials, and webinars. These are a great educational opportunity!

*All three sites allow uploading or building a family tree. MyHeritage has a limit on tree size.

*Searching each site is free, but usually only partial results can be viewed. This might be enough, however, to make some preliminary finds.

Uploading DNA results, educational materials, building a family tree, and at least preliminary search results are all wonderful benefits. The genealogists on a budget will want to take a look at each of these sites.

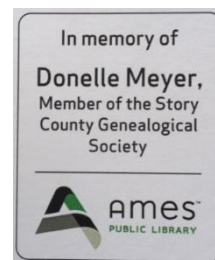
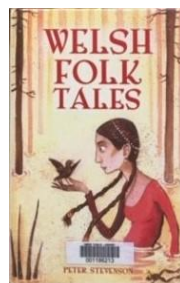
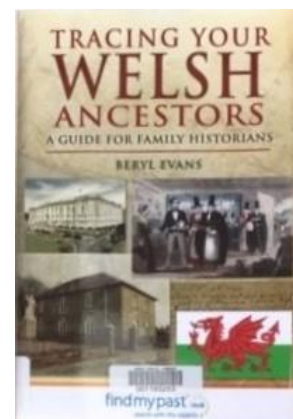
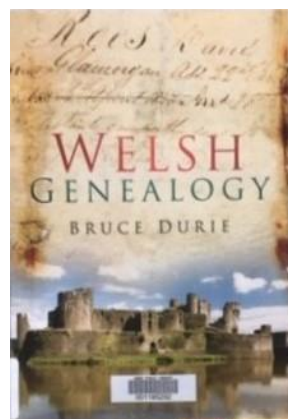
BONUS: The Family History Center in Ames, Iowa, located at 2524 Hoover Ave., provides free access to many premium databases, including FindMyPast and Ancestry. The Ames Public Library provides access to Ancestry Library Edition.

You can also follow these sites on Facebook and Twitter for updates.



Donelle Meyer Memory Books

The 2019 February issue of this newsletter contained a history of one of the long-time faithful members of SCGS. Our custom at SCGS is to take a collection and purchase books with the money collected and donate them to the APL. Of course, the books would contain an insert showing that the book(s) are given in memory of the person. Following are the 3 books and copy of the insert for the books purchased in memory of Donelle Meyer.



Holidays and Reasons to Celebrate

September 2 – Labor Day
 September 8 – National Grandparents Day
 September 11 – Patriot Day
 September 17 – Constitution Day & Citizenship Day
 September 18 – Air Force Birthday
 September 20 – National POW/MIA Recognition Day
 September 21 – National CleanUp Day
 September 23 – September Equinox
 September 29 – Gold Star Mother’s Day

There are religious and regional holidays in September. Visit <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/> for holidays and observances anywhere in the world.

Stories in the Stones: Cedric vs. George

by Mary J. Lohr

As genealogists we know not everything included in a record or source is necessarily accurate, even when the words literally are carved in stone, as illustrated here ...

Several months ago the Story County Genealogical Society received a request concerning a tombstone with the inscription “Cedric M. Mullen” in Pleasant Run Cemetery, Nevada Township, Story County. The family had no record of a person with that name in their genealogy research and asked for our assistance. So the hunt was on!

On both FindAGrave and BillionGraves, there is a photograph of a tombstone bearing the name Cedric M. Mullen, died Aug. 22, 1870, Age 18 Ys, 9 Ms, 26 Ds. Additionally on FindAGrave there is a photo of an old tombstone next to the cemetery fence bearing the inscription: George M. Mullen, died August 22, 1870. Age 18 Ys, 9 Ms, 26 Ds. Different first names, but same middle initial, surname, age and date of death!

SCGS members walked and transcribed all the Story County cemeteries in the early 1990s. In Grave Marker Inscriptions, Volume XII, p. 927 there is a listing: “Cedric M Mullen died Aug 22 1870 Aged 18 Yrs, 9 Ms, 26 Ds.,” but no entry for a George M. Mullen who died in 1870.

We checked the WPA records that were transcribed in the 1930s and there is a listing for George Mullen, with a death date of Aug. 22, 1870, Age 18 Ys, 9 Ms, 26 Ds. No Cedric Mullen is listed in Story County.

In William G. Allen’s book, A History of Story County, Iowa, (1887) there is a listing of burials for Pleasant Run Cemetery, including George M. Mullen, 18 ³/₄.

The Story County Representative newspaper, August 25, 1870, p. 3 includes a tribute to George Mullen: “... on learning of the death of George Mullen, taken place recently at Nevada, the Sophomore class passed the following as a tribute ...”

Since Iowa death records registration began July 1, 1880, there is no official death record for George M. Mullen. A search for the cemetery records from that time period was conducted, however, no records have yet been found.

Finally, the tombstone bearing the name Cedric M. Mullen appears to be a much more recent style than from the 1870s. The “old” tombstone found by the fence is more fitting to that time. We noticed some other tombstones in Pleasant Run Cemetery, very similar in appearance to the Cedric Mullen one. They have recorded death dates from the 1860s. Our theory is that a number of stones from the 1860s era were replaced sometime after the WPA 1930 readings but before the SCGS 1990s readings. We also believe, based on the above evidence, an error was made in the one bearing Cedric M. Mullen’s name and that the correct name should be George M. Mullen. (Although the date of death and age for George M. Mullen are correct.)

This situation may never have come to light if the original Mullen researcher had not questioned the name in his research! Persistence pays.

(There are plans for a tombstone replacement and when that happens, we’ll share an update.)

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Editor's Notes

Well, A Taste of Genealogy or the SCGS 2019 Genealogy Fair is over. Although the turnout wasn't like the 50th Anniversary Celebration last year, it was still a huge success. We had attendees from a wide variety of towns and many members and other people who are just genuinely interested in family genealogy and history.

As Nancy mentioned in her article on page 1, every SCGS deserves a "hats off" to a JOB WELL DONE. You may have helped in the planning and/or the day of the Fair, but everyone did a really good job.

Yes, summer is over. Kids back to school and soon Autumn will be here with lower temps and trees changing colors. That shouldn't keep anyone from walking cemeteries though. I found one the other day that's only 6 miles from my home town in Wright County, Iowa and I didn't even know it existed. Guess I'll look into that.

Dick Cooper

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A Taste of Genealogy Welcome Table



A Taste of Genealogy Children's Corner



A Taste of Genealogy scrapbooking display



A Taste of Genealogy ISU Park Library



A Taste of Genealogy member helping attendee



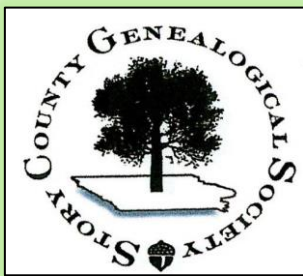
A Taste of Genealogy - Heritage Room at APL

States/Provinces in USA, Canada & Mexico – SCGS Word Search #13

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Palmyra Atoll	Rhode Island	Tabasco	Vermont	Wisconsin
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President's Message



Story County Genealogical Society is off to a very good start. We have learned more about the many options Family Search provides by Annette and Jim Anderegg and this is free. Also looking forward to hearing about Roots Tech next month at Genealogy Plus. Cris Nagla and Dennis Allen taught us so much about the rules and regulations of Cemeteries in the State and how we could help as a Genealogy Society. There are some very good programs lined up for the rest of the year. Want to know what they are, visit the website.

I was doing some research the other day and discovered I didn't know where my Mother was born. I always assumed she was born at home but didn't know where they lived at the time as they moved around a lot. Found her birth certificate on line and she was born at home. Her sister, who is 3 years older was born in Story County and my Mother was born in Polk County. So I had more questions so I have been going back and forth with a cousin about what he remembers what his mother told him about places they had lived. Now I am making a timeline so I can track all these places and record what we both remember.

SCGS has been asked to do a program at the Waterford next month. It was decided to help them do a family tree (pedigree chart) and then have them write some of their family stories/memories. This is something everyone can do and it is always fun to get people interested in preserving the past.

See everyone at the October meeting.

Nancy

Story County Genealogical Society

Monday October 14, 2019

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Ames Public Library Auditorium

RootsTech Conference: A Report

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Genealogy Plus

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

10:00 AM – Noon

Ames Public Library Auditorium

FamilySearch Workshop

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Genealogy & Computer Help Session

Wednesday October 23, 2019

10:00 AM – Noon

Ames Public Library

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Story County Genealogical Society Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Long at 6:30 PM. Twenty members were in attendance.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the September newsletter.

Introductions were made by those present telling about a genealogical discovery or activity they participated in during the summer.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the financial report. It will be filed.

The passing of long-time society member Merlene Whisenand was noted. An envelope was passed around for contributions to a memorial fund.

President Nancy Long reported that the Genealogy Fair held in August was a success. Some new members joined society at the event.

Dick Cooper noted that members who don't have or remember their user name or password for access to the members section of the society website can contact one of the three people on the last email for help.

Pete Peterson advised anyone not receiving emails from the society to notify him.

Nancy Long previewed the Genealogy Plus program to be held on September 18th. Dennis Allen will present information on Iowa cemeteries. She also noted that the Help Session will take place on September 25th in the Danfoss Room on the 2nd floor of the library from 10:00 A.M. until Noon.

The revised by-laws will be posted in the members section of the society's website. Jim Anderegg provided copies for those interested. The document will be voted on at the society's October meeting.

A program about the FamilySearch website was presented by Jim and Annette Anderegg. Help features, Learning Center courses, the Research Wiki,

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FamilySearch Blog, Family Tree, digitized books and the records search were highlighted. Attendees were given a homework assignment to explore the site and learn more about FamilySearch by using one of the resources listed on the handout "Genealogical Research Using FamilySearch.org" prior to the October Genealogy *PLUS* program. Handouts from the evening's program will be available in the member's section of the society's website.

The meeting concluded at 7:50 PM

Submitted by Annette Anderegg, Secretary

New Look to the Newsletter

The new year will begin with 1 difference (maybe more than 1) in the newsletter. Starting with the 2020 January edition, the newsletter staff will attempt to have a **Your Brick Wall** article in each edition.

The main purpose of the article will be to help SCGS members (and others) with a brick wall that they may have concerning their ancestors. Remember that a genealogy brick wall happens when you have done extensive searching and can only find few if any records on a certain ancestor(s) – birth, death, marriage, burial, children, obituary, etc.

Similar to many other genealogists, we won't be able to search for living persons with this brick wall feature. The person looking for more information needs to define what they are trying to find as well as where they have searched. In other words, what is the goal of your search?

A lack of this information leads to frustration. By putting the necessary information along with where you have searched while trying to find a record(s) of your ancestor is all necessary for someone to help you in finding these records. Remember, genealogy is a collaborative effort and we must work together. Please include your email or contact information so you can be contacted if someone finds information.

Send your articles or questions to the newsletter editor: newsletter@storygenes.com or storygenes@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT **ANOTHER CHANGE**

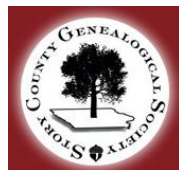
THE OCTOBER 14TH MEETING OF SCGS WILL BE HELD IN THE AUTITORIUM AT THE AMES PUBLIC LIBRARY. THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER STATED THAT IT WOULD BE HELD IN THE ROTARY ROOM, BUT A CANCELLATION PUT US BACK IN THE AUDITORIUM

THANK YOU

SCGS By-laws Revisions Vote

At the September meeting of the SCGS Board of Directors, the new, revised by-laws were presented and reviewed to the board. (Note that 3 SCGS members had been working on these by-laws previous to the board meeting). The board members present made some suggestions for changes, which were discussed. The board accepted the new by-laws as revised and decided to present them to the SCGS membership. The revised by-laws were mentioned and presented to the membership at the SCGS regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 2019. The new, revised bylaws were not discussed by the membership, but instead they were published on the SCGS website at: <https://storygenes.com/members.php> so that all of the membership could see them. The old, current bylaws are still be available at: <https://storygenes.com/cpage.php?pt=50>. Both of these website addresses are on the Members page of the SCGS website. If you want to access them, sign on with your username and password. If you have mislaid this information, you can send an email to Mary Lohr, Web Manager at: webmanager@storygenes.com.

NOTE: At the regular SCGS meeting on Monday, October 14, 2019 the SCGS membership will vote whether to accept the new, revised bylaws or not.



Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society
Monday, October 14, 2019
Ames Public Library – Auditorium
6:30 pm

RootsTech Conference: A Report

"RootsTech is a global conference held annually in Salt Lake City, Utah, and London, England, dedicated to celebrating and discovering family histories." This program will give a summary of the highlights of the conference.

Genealogy Plus!
Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Ames Public Library – Auditorium
10:00 am – Noon

FamilySearch.org Workshop **Speakers: Annette and Jim Anderegg**

Annette and Jim Anderegg, who have had years and years of experience at the Ames Family History Center, and are accomplished genealogists themselves, will conduct this hands-on workshop. Come and learn all about what FamilySearch.org has to offer, including the research wiki, historical records, family trees, genealogies, the catalog ... and lots more! *Bring your own computer if possible, or use one of the library's.*

FamilySearch.org is a free website, holding expansive databases and resources for your genealogy research. The materials available to you are films of original records going back over 100 years. Learning aids help you learn about various records, historical times, locations and skills for your research too.

Genealogy & Computer Help Session
Wednesday, October 23, 2019
Ames Public Library – 10:00 am – Noon

Bring your genealogy and computer questions and we'll try to help you find solution.

Food For Genealogy Thought

An American Express ad used the tag line "Membership Has Its Benefits." That's true for SCGS members, too, with the website, storygenes.com.

Especially beneficial for members who can't attend SCGS meetings and programs, the Members section contains a plethora of materials.

Use your login name and password to access the Member section, located on the left side of the opening screen. (NOTE: If you lost your login name and/or password, please contact our Web Manager.)

SOME of the material available:

- *Ideas for beginning and basic genealogy research
- *Listing of genealogy books at the Ames Public Library
- *Some thoughts on DNA testing
- *Ways to save money on genealogy research
- *Listing of Civil War veterans buried in Story County, Iowa
- *Resources for learning
- *Links to recordings and handouts by Dr. Alissa Stoeher from her sessions on "Writing Your Ancestors' Story ... and lots more!

From the SCGS Web Manager--

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This picture was accidentally omitted from the SCGS 2019 September Newsletter. Pictured from left to right are: Mary Whisenand, Nancy Long (SCGS President), Paul Whisenand and Sherill Whisenand. Paul is Merlene's husband and Mary and Sherill are Merlene and Paul's daughters. They stopped by the Ames Public Library during the SCGS "A Touch of Genealogy" genealogy fair on August 25, 2019.

Holidays and Reasons to Celebrate

October 7 – Child Health Day
October 9 – Leif Erikson Day
October 13 – Navy Birthday
October 13 – Chicago Marathon
October 14 – Columbus Day
October 14 – Native Americans' Day
October 15 – White Cane Safety Day
October 16 – Boss's Day
October 31 – Halloween

November 3 – Daylight Saving Time Ends

There are many religious and regional holidays in October not listed. Visit <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/> for holidays and observances anywhere in the world.

Daylight Saving Time - What To Do

Most of the United States reverts back to standard time at 2:00AM on Sunday, November 3, 2019, but each time zone switches at a different time. Changing back to standard time means that 2:00AM will suddenly become 1:00AM, thereby gaining an hour of sleep but losing an hour of daylight during normal daytime hours.

Common Nonsense in Review

Andy Rooney (1919-2011) was probably best known as a member of the CBS News program *60 Minutes* from 1978 until 2011. Although he wrote several books, the only one that I have read and wish to review is *Common Nonsense*.

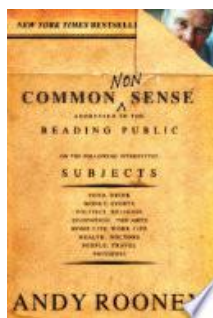
The book *Common Nonsense* is broken down into 14 general parts (examples are: “Daily Life in America”, “Politics”, “Sports”, “The Writing Life”, “Home Life”, “Big Issues”, “People and Places”, and many others). Each part has several of Andy’s stories for a total of over 150 stories covering 14 different parts. The parts or chapters of this book are thought provoking and most concern everyday occurrences.

In real life, Andy Rooney exhibited a very unique verbal delivery method, writing style and thought process. He would use his time at the end of the *60 Minutes* show to share his views on one of the subjects that he was passionate about and had some definite views about. His views (and stories in this book) generally told of his opinions about a certain subject but his opinions generally were opinions that millions of viewers also shared, but most of the people who listened to Andy Rooney and read this book will not put their actual thoughts and opinions in writing like he did.

I would consider *Common Nonsense* a book of non-fiction, light reading with many humorous, thought provoking stories on many pertinent subjects encountered on a daily basis. As someone who doesn’t read very many books, I would recommend this book to anyone who wants a little relief or change of pace from the traditional fiction and/or non-fiction books.

Common Nonsense ISBN 1-58648-144-4
Common Nonsense/by Andy Rooney. 1st ed.

Submitted by SCGS member



Editor's Notes

The article on page 3, column 1 concerning the SCGS by-laws is very important to every SCGS member. We have been operating under the current by-laws for many years and they needed to be changed to meet the demands that SCGS has had over the past years. Please read the article and you will see more information regarding how to access the current (old) by-laws and also the new, proposed ones.

I want to give everyone a little “tip” here. You may be accustomed to seeing the WordSearch puzzles at the end of each newsletter, but that will change in the January 2020 issue. As noted on page 2, column 2 there will be a change in the look of the newsletter.

Apparently, word is getting around that SCGS is an educational organization. Waterford assisted living facility in Ames has asked SCGS to talk to them about genealogy. Plans are to start with the basics of filling out a Family Group Sheet or something similar and go from there.

The SCGS Nominating Committee appointed at the September meeting has been working hard to fill the list of necessary officers that will be given at the November Annual Meeting when new officers are elected by SCGS members.

I know it’s hard to believe, but I am at a loss for words to finish this article. Most of what I wanted to say has been said elsewhere in this newsletter. I will close by saying:

EVERYONE HAS A STORY – SEND IT TO THE SCGS NEWSLETTER TO BE PUBLISHED

Dick Cooper

Genealogy Humor

Famous quote that applies (all too often) to questionable genealogy: “Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please.” —Mark Twain

Remember that when a family member passes away, they take a library of memories with them. It’s a genealogist’s duty to record them before that happens.

A Stone for Caroline

Caroline Nipp, my great-grandmother was born Christmas Day, 1858, in Guttenberg, Iowa, the daughter of immigrants from Liechtenstein. She married William J. Naescher on 27 January 1880 in Guttenberg. They homesteaded in Hutchinson County, Dakota Territory. She faced many struggles in her life, one of which was being widowed at the age of 28 with three young children.

In 1888 she married John Schaefer, a widower with two children. She and John had three children and she passed away 26 January 1893 a month after giving birth to my grandfather. She is buried at St. Stephen's Catholic Cemetery, Bridgewater, South Dakota.

The graves of her two husbands are marked, but for an unknown reason, her grave did not have a tombstone. About a year ago my husband Jim suggested we remedy that situation. We looked and ordered a simple stone to commemorate her life. It was expected to be placed by Memorial Day 2019. We had decided to have a family reunion of some of Caroline's descendants to celebrate the occasion with the reunion starting at Caroline's newly-installed tombstone. You know the family reunion was planned by a genealogist when a reunion originates in a cemetery!

But Mother Nature had other plans and extremely wet weather delayed the installation. And, despite plans to gather at the cemetery anyway, two weeks prior to the planned reunion, the road to the cemetery was closed for repair, making access impossible. (A great demonstration of Murphy's Laws.)

Instead, we gathered at the parish hall of St. Stephen's Catholic Church and cousins who had not seen each other in nearly forty-years reconnected. Relatives also came from across the country and Canada! About fifty people attended. It was also the first time my five siblings were together in a number of years.

And the stone for Caroline? It was finally able to be placed in early August 2019 (pictured below), "only" 126 years after her death. Rest in peace, Caroline Nipp Naescher Schaefer!.

submitted by Mary J. Lohr



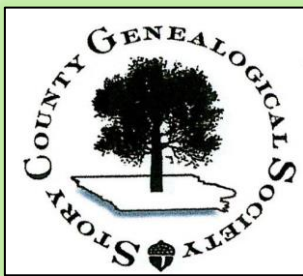
Genealogy Legal Terms - SCGS Word Search #14

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Answers at [Word Search Answers](#) on the Story County Genealogical Society website

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Abstract	Conveyance	Entail	Inventory	Receiver
Affidavit	Deceased	Estate	Lawyer	Testate
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Civil	Deed	Executor	Litigant	Witness
Codicil	Devise	Heir	Patent	Will



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President's Message



As you know, this column is where the President's Message is normally inserted, but this month Nancy chose to write a longer article than normal (THAT'S OK) so it can be found on page 4. Seems like she had quite a

few things to mention for the upcoming SCGS Annual Meeting. So, your editor is tasked with filling this space with words that Nancy may say to the membership (hope that's OK Nancy).

First of all, thank you to the officers mentioned on page 2 for serving the positions that will be filled at the November Annual Meeting elections. Your service is greatly appreciated.

SCGS is known to be a great educational and informational organization. In effort to bring more informational programs and presentations to SCGS members and the community, we would like to know what you would like to hear about. Please bring that information to the November Annual Meeting.

If you have some items to get rid of, exchange and/or swap, (magazines, books, binders, etc.) bring them to the November meeting. Maybe someone needs it/them.

The November meeting will also have a review of the Genealogy Fair that was held in August. What are your ideas on the one that we had and maybe more fairs.

Bring goodies to the meeting!!!

Nancy (written by your editor)

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Monday November 11, 2019

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Ames Public Library Auditorium

Annual SCGS Meeting

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Genealogy Plus

Wednesday November 20, 2019

10:00 AM - Noon

Ames Public Library Auditorium

DNA Test Is Done ... Now What?

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Genealogy & Computer Help Session

**There Will Not Be A Help Session In
November Because It Is The Day Before
Thanksgiving**

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Story County Genealogical Society **Meeting Minutes October 14, 2019**

Prior to the beginning of the meeting President Nancy Long gave attendees the opportunity to comment or ask questions about the proposed revision of the by-laws. There were no comments or questions.

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Long at 6:35 p.m. Twenty-five members were in attendance.

Introductions were made by those present giving their name and role within the society, if applicable.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the October newsletter.

Treasurer Pete Peterson presented the financial report. It will be filed.

The envelope was passed around for contributions to a memorial fund honoring Merlene Whisenand. Suggestions for how to use the contributions are welcome. Please contact Nancy with ideas.

Nancy Long previewed the Genealogy *PLUS* program to be held on October 16th. Annette Anderegg will present a workshop on FamilySearch. Participants were encouraged to bring a laptop or tablet. Library laptops will be available for those who desire to use one. Nancy also noted that the Help Session will take place on October 23th at the library from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. The focus at this session will be RootsMagic help from Dick Cooper. James and Annette Anderegg will be available for help with the FamilySearch website.

President Nancy Long called for a motion to accept the revised by-laws as published and presented. James Anderegg so moved and the motion received a second. Prior to the vote, members were given a final opportunity for comments or questions. None were voiced. The revised by-laws were accepted by a unanimous vote of the members present.

Dennis Allen and Cris Nagla will be speakers at a workshop sponsored by Hamilton Heritage Hunters Genealogical Society in Stanhope on Saturday, October 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event is free. Dick Cooper offered a ride to anyone interested in attending.

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The evening's presenter was James Anderegg. His topic was the RootsTech Conference. RootsTech, hosted by FamilySearch International, is held annually in Salt Lake City at the end of February. The theme for the 2020 conference is "The Story of You." He presented options for participating. In addition to attending in person, virtual attendance is an option through purchase of a virtual pass. Some presentations are available via free live streaming. Some sessions are accessible in a video archive. New this year is a RootsTech London conference to be held on October 24th – 26th. Some of those sessions will live streamed. Participants were encouraged to discover more about the conference and its offerings by going to the website: rootstech.org

The nominating committee was asked to present the list of officers to be voted on at the November meeting. Positions and nominees are as follows: Vice President—Programming: Lyle Hammes, Publicity: Rhonda Graham, Web Manager: Mary Lohr, Librarian: Malvina Lutz, Secretary: Annette Anderegg. Dick Cooper clarified that the term of office for those elected will be two years.

The November meeting is the society's annual meeting. All are invited to bring treats to share. A suggestion was made that those interested bring items no longer needed that can aid research or organization.

President Nancy Long asked that those involved in the Genealogy Fair come to the November meeting with thoughts on how it went and if it should become an annual event.

The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Annette Anderegg, secretary

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans. A period of silence lasting two minutes may be held at 11am. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect.



“SCGSNews”, 2010-2019, Uploaded to Internet Archive

submitted by Mary J. Lohr

Issues of SCGS News from 2010 to 2019 are now available at the Internet Archive. The first three years are missing some issues, but holdings are complete beginning with 2013.

The Internet Archive describes itself as “... a non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more.” They have digitized and preserved a great deal of content, including an impressive genealogy collection! And now it includes the newsletter of the Story County Genealogical Society. In addition to preserving some of our more recent issues, they are now available to a world-wide audience.

The URL is <http://archive.org/details/scgsnews2010>
(You can replace 2010 with any year up to 2019.)

Alternatively to locate the issues: from the opening screen at archive.org, enter your search term (scgs news) in the search box, but not in the Wayback Machine search box at the top of the page.

This gives a listing of the issues by year.

Select one year by clicking on it and opening the file.

In the upper right corner is a box that includes the phrase "Search inside." That's the place to enter your search term for the year you just selected. The results will appear at the bottom of the screen.

There doesn't appear to be a way to search all the issues collectively, rather you have to search issue by issue.

Another way to get to the same place: on the opening screen, select "texts" (book icon second from the left).

This generates some featured collections at the top of the screen, one of which is genealogy. Click on genealogy.

Now your search will be limited to within the genealogy collection. You can use the search box on the left hand side of the screen (enter: scgs news) and that will generate a listing by year. The process from then on is the same to search the individual issues by using the box in the upper right hand corner. Different route, same destination.

Now you can take a stroll down Genealogy Memory Lane by browsing these issues!

[Editor's note: Be certain to use the tools located at the top and bottom of the page to move around.]

Upcoming Events At SCGS

Story County Genealogical Society ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, November 11, 2019

Ames Public Library – Auditorium

6:30 pm

**Annual Business Meeting, election of officers,
reports ... and refreshments!**

Genealogy Plus

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Ames Public Library – Auditorium

10:00 am – Noon

DNA Test Is Done ... Now What?

Speaker: Dennis Allen

How to interpret DNA test results and maximize the findings in your ancestral research.

Genealogy and Computer Help Session

**SCGS Will Not Have a Help Session in
November Because It Falls on the Day Before
Thanksgiving. Have a Good Thanksgiving**

Holidays and Reasons to Celebrate

November 3 – Clock Change/Daylight Saving Time

November 3 – New York City Marathon

November 10 – Marine Corps Birthday

November 11 – Veterans Day

November 28 – Thanksgiving Day

November 29 – Presidents' Day

November 29 – Lincoln's Birthday/Lincoln's Day

November 29 – Day After Thanksgiving

December 2 – Cyber Monday

November has many other holidays. Visit <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/> for holidays and observances anywhere in the world.

A Few Words from the SCGS President

Our November meeting is our **Annual Meeting** and after our business meeting which includes the election of officers and **review of the Genealogy Fair**, we will have some **social time**. We have had many **good programs** in the past and more are planned for the coming year. We would like to hear from you what subjects you **would like to learn more about**. Always learning new things from our meetings and the conversations before and after the meetings. Bring your genealogy **items to swap** with others and some goodies to share.

Hopefully everyone is still working on their **Family Stories**. I think that is the most important part of Genealogy - preserving our Family Stories. I have been talking to a cousin and discovered that our mothers went to a **small school** in White Oak, Iowa lots longer than I thought. Now I am trying to find any records of that school, which has long since closed and the building torn down.

Also, when meeting with the ladies and gentleman at Waterford, it was so much fun and interesting getting them to write down some of their Family History. Hopefully they continued to do some writing or talked to relatives or friends who came to visit about their stories.

We will not be having a **Help Session in November** as it falls on the day before Thanksgiving.

Important Items in the Article Above:

- 1) Annual Meeting in November
- 2) Review of Genealogy Fair in August
- 3) Social Time – Bring Goodies to Munch
- 4) Good Programs
- 5) What Would You Like to Learn About
- 6) Items to Swap
- 7) Family Stories
- 8) Small School in White Oak, Iowa
- 9) No Help Session in November

Meaning of Thanksgiving

Meaning of Thanksgiving - The Real Celebration

For many of us, the meaning of Thanksgiving usually includes feasting, four-day weekends, football games, floats, family reunions, or a forerunner to Christmas festivities. The “first Thanksgiving,” however, was neither a feast nor a holiday, but a simple gathering. Following the *Mayflower’s* arrival at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620, the Pilgrims suffered the loss of 46 of their original 102 colonists. With the help of 91 Indians, the remaining Pilgrims survived the bitter winter and yielded a bountiful harvest in 1621. In celebration, a traditional English harvest festival, lasting three days brought the Pilgrims and natives to unite in a “thanksgiving” observance.

This “thanksgiving” meal would not be celebrated again until June of 1676. On June 29 the community of Charlestown, Massachusetts proclaimed a day of thanksgiving for their good fortune. Ironically, this celebration excluded the Indians, as the colonists’ recognized their recent victory over the “heathen natives.” One hundred years later, in October of 1777, all 13 colonies participated in a one-time “thanksgiving” celebration which commemorated the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga. It would take a span of over 150 more years to establish Thanksgiving as we celebrate it -- George Washington proclaimed it a National holiday in 1789, Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November in 1863, and Congress sanctioned it as a legal holiday in 1941.

The information above was obtained from the All About History website - <https://www.AllAboutHistory.org>.



"This State of Wonders"
The Letters of an Iowa Frontier Family, 1858 — 1861
Edited by John Kent Folmar

Published in 1986
University of Iowa Press, Iowa City
ISBN O-87745-154-O

Ames Public Library has two copies of this book, one in the Genealogy Book Section as Reference Material, and one in the Children's Section in the Non—Fiction shelves. Being able to check out the book and taking time to read through all the pages allows one to 'experience by reading' the pioneer lives of our Iowa ancestors.

Summary:

The John Hugh Williams family emigrated from Ohio to Homer, Webster Co., Iowa in 1855 to do missionary work for their Church of New Jerusalem back in Ohio, along with having his watchmaking shop in town. Their family had six children aged five to twenty years old. Settlers had been arriving in Homer since 1853 as it was a leading town in that area between the Boone and Des Moines rivers. Politics of the day in 1856 changed the county seat to Ft. Dodge dividing Webster County. Homer was now located in Hamilton County with Webster City as the new county seat.

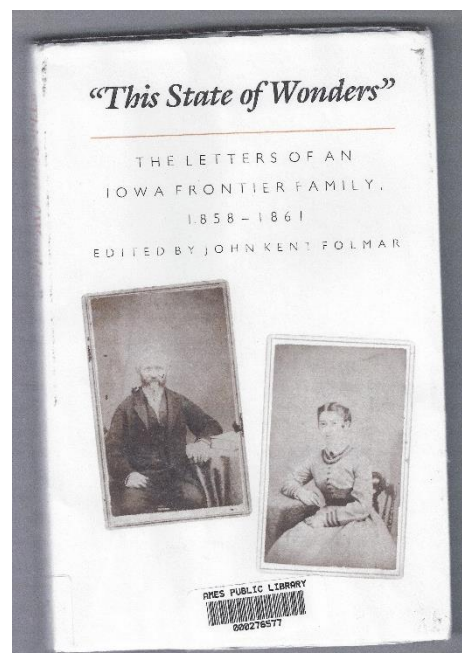
When the Panic of 1857 struck affecting everyone, the Williams family was not able to collect on debts owed to the store, or to complete the sale of land owned back in Ohio. It was decided to send the oldest, James Madison Williams, to work for a church friend in Augusta, Georgia (who also was a watchmaker) in 1858 hoping he could make some income to send to Iowa for the rest of the family.

This book is about letters written by the family to their son, James, from 1858 to 1861. Letters are in their original transcribed form with misspelled words, words that are not commonly used in today's conversations, and abbreviations appear that needed a Google search to gain their meaning. Seventy-five letters in all appear as written by different members of the family to James, with reference in each to a recently received letter from James and his information. John Hugh Williams wrote to his son about need for money, farming, and moral advice. Mrs. Williams wrote to her son about the family's health, the weather, and her leisure time of reading books. The younger siblings wrote about school, the home, and friends.

Letters tell of neighbors leaving for the Pikes Peak Gold Rush, returning with none, and the approaching North/South conflict. James decides to stay in Georgia to marry and join the Confederate army, much to the Iowa family's dismay.

I personally enjoyed reading this book as it mentions many places around the Boone/Ames area, and it lent a window into the lives of our Iowa ancestors.

This book review submitted by SCGS member Malvina Lutz



Update on “Stories in the Stones: Cedric vs. George”

by Mary J. Lohr

In the September 2019 issue of SCGS News, we related the story of Cedric Mullen's tombstone and how we had concluded the wrong name had been inscribed on a tombstone replaced sometime between the 1930s and the 1990s. From our work we determined the stone should have the name of George M. Mullen. We're happy to report a new tombstone with George's name inscribed has been recently installed in Pleasant Run Cemetery, southeast of Nevada, Iowa. Rest in peace George M. Mullen.



Editor's Notes

This is probably the last newsletter of 2019, unless there is a 1 or 2 page one in December. Starting with 2020, the Word Search puzzle format will change to a Brick Wall article. The Brick Wall article will contain lots of information about an ancestor(s) that you can't find anywhere even when you have exhausted every source. When you include all of your search information in your article and tell what person(s) you are looking for, maybe someone else will be able to help you. January and February articles are promised, so you have a little time to write your article.

I have to say again that I really appreciate all of the emails and articles that members send to me for the newsletter. After saying that, we could use emails, letters and articles from other members also. Remember: **Everyone Has A Story To Tell**. Maybe the story will be about 1 or more of your ancestors.

Dick Cooper

Library Relocates the Genealogy Section

The genealogy books are now located right behind the 2nd floor service desk. This collection was moved for a couple of reasons. First, we thought moving the collection up front would both make it more accessible for people while also putting it in a spot where folks can more easily get help with the materials. It also allowed us to have the genealogy materials located next to the microfilm collection to create a one-stop location for those materials, rather than having them spread across the floor. We do not have signage at this time, but we are working on a long-term wayfinding plan for the 2nd floor.

Thank you for including this change in the SCGS newsletter! We've received some positive feedback from members so far, so I hope that others find this change to be positive.

Contributed by Librarian Megan Klein-Hewitt

[Editor's Note: The 2nd floor service desk, AKA Adult Services Desk, is directly south from the elevator and about half way to the south end of the library].



SCGS Officers for 2019

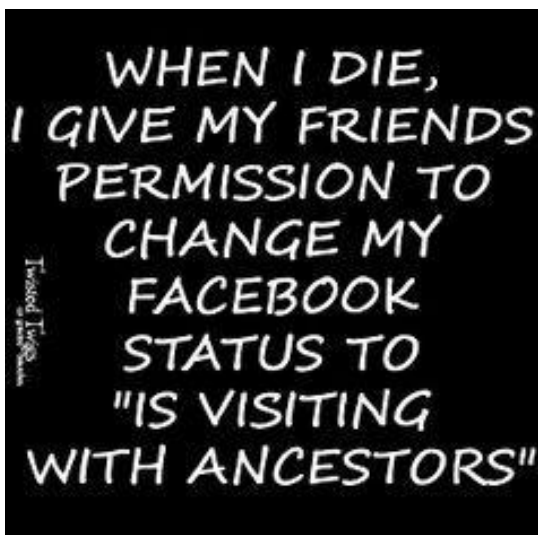
President – Nancy Long
Vice President – Bonnie Samuel
Secretary – Annette Anderegg
Treasurer – Pete Peterson
Publicity – Gwenna Jacobson
Librarian - Malvina Lutz
Historian – Paul Martsching
Newsletter – Dick Cooper

Thank you to all officers who have stepped-up to help keep SCGS a great organization. As stated in another article on page 8 in this issue, more people are needed to serve on committees and help with the various aspects of SCGS.

More Annual Meeting Information

At the regular SCGS October meeting, the nominating committee was introduced and presented the list of officers to be voted on at the November Annual Meeting. Positions and nominees are listed below. Each person elected will hold office for 2 years. At the 2020 Annual Meeting, the remaining 5 officers not shown below will be elected, also for a 2 year term.

Vice President—Programming: Lyle Hammes
Publicity: Rhonda Graham
Web Manager: Mary Lohr
Librarian: Malvina Lutz
Secretary: Annette Anderegg.



Support Your Local Genealogy Society!

Bonnie Samuel, VP

Alissa Stoehr has a meaningful quote on her email:
"Nobody has to do everything, but *Everybody* has to do *something*!"

Or, to pull from another famous quote:
You may ask what SCGS offers you, but what do you do to support SCGS?

Over the last five years, SCGS has offered genealogical educational programming that puts us in line with some of the best organizations in the country. Attendance has steadily grown as those interested in learning the process of family research, enabling them to find true ancestors, attend regular society meetings, "Write Your Family Stories," Genealogy Plus, special classes, conferences, the Genealogy Plus Standard course, plus take advantage of the monthly help sessions. SCGS has an informational website and a monthly newsletter too.

There are small tasks to large, committees up to Board positions that need people to serve. We hope you will give some thought to what YOU can do to help. Also consider becoming a member if you are not now, or paying your dues (due in January under present system). Donations are always very welcome and greatly appreciated too. You can pay your dues or donate on our website at www.storygenes.com.

Dues Are Due???

Just a reminder that SCGS Membership dues must be paid so that members can take advantage of all features of the SCGS website and all other privileges that membership brings. As many of you will remember, members present at the October regular SCGS meeting voted to accept the new bylaws. The following change in membership was included in the new, revised bylaws:

"New members may join anytime of the year. Their membership is active upon filing a membership form and paying dues to the treasurer. Their renewal dues will be due on the yearly anniversary of their initial payment."

This means that you can pay your dues any time, but now is good!!!

Genealogy Kinship Related Terms - SCGS Word Search #15

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Words may be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backward

Answers at [Word Search Answers](#) on the Story County Genealogical Society website

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Ancestor	Cousin	Genealogy	Naturalize	Progeniture
Antebellum	Daughter	Immigrant	Orphan	Sibling
Cemetery	Descendant	Infant	Passenger	SSDI
Census	Dowager	Knave	Paternal	Widow
Collateral	Dowry	Maiden	Patronymics	Yeoman